

WELCOME

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY! If you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our wonderful ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They'd be glad to help!
- Call the church office at 318.424.7771. We're open 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30am - 4:00pm on Friday.

READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means, please call our church office at 424-7771 to set up a meeting with one of our pastors. You may join today by one of three ways: Profession of faith, transfer of Membership from another denomination, or reaffirmation of baptism vows. To join, simply walk to the altar rail to meet with the pastors during the last hymn.

THIS WEEK'S "MINISTRY MOMENT": GEMS NIGHT OUT

It wasn't "luck" that brought our children, teens, volunteers, and staff all together for our March GEMs Night Out, we were "blessed!" God blesses us in many, many ways. Have you noticed how your whole attitude can change just by acknowledging your blessings? All good and perfect things are from God – not luck. Yea, I guess you are lucky when you look down and spot a four-leaf-clover, but you are blessed that God created the grass.



HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

We'd love to stand alongside you in prayer! Please share your prayer request with us by placing this form in either prayer box at the Sanctuary entrance.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Would you like our Director of Prayer Ministry to reach out to you about this request? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

*The Welcoming Christ—"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" John 14:6
The fourth window on the left is a memorial to the Fullilove family. This is one of two windows reserved for families whose members have long records of service to First Methodist dating from the 1800's. The stained glass window's center panel depicts Christ with outstretched arms proclaiming, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," words taken from his discourse with his disciples following the Last Supper. So, through the 40 days of Lent He welcomes and encourages us to follow.*

JOYS & CONCERNS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Janet Walden Martin and David Rand Martin from Dr. J. R. Martin.

MEMORIALS

Karen Dorsey

from Johnette and Jim Barnes

Katie and Don Weir

David, Arleen, Seth and Jon-David Hague

Polly and Ted Scurlock

Suzzanne and Frank Bright

Walt Oliver

from Pat and Gary Covington

Stewart Terry

from Pat and Gary Covington

Johnny Howell

from Pat and Gary Covington

James Hardy Mills

from Denny Gamble

James Pat "J.P." Cox

from Suzzanne and Frank Bright

Marvin Watkins

from Gloria Watkins

Family of Mary Wark

from Mary Wark

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 03.21.21	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$85,374	\$256,122	\$777,618
Received	\$66,310	\$235,440	\$798,452
Over/(Under)	(\$19,064)	(\$20,682)	\$20,834



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. *If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. Steven Bell • Associate Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce

Associate Pastor: Dr. Ashley Goad • Associate Pastor: Rev. Erik Rasmussen • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads

Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am

FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MARCH 28, 2021 › PALM SUNDAY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Palm Sunday - March 28, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

PRELUDE.....Sonata No. 3.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

[Out of the Depths, I Cry to Thee]

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!.....Chancel Choir

WINCHESTER NEW

INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“All Glory, Laud and Honor”.....No. 280

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Carl Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....Ride On, King Jesus!.....Brenda Wimberly, soprano

arr. William Cutter

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 2:1-11.....Dr. Steven Bell

‡ New Testament, Page 2 in your Pew Bible

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

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MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

THE LORD’S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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PRAYER RESPONSE.....Congregation

Hear our prayer, o Lord. Hear our prayer, o Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Carl Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....My Song is Love Unknown.....Chancel Choir

John Ireland/arr. Donald Busarow

† DOXOLOGYNo. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MESSAGE.....THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID:.....Rev. Erik Rasmussen

DO NOT WORRY

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“What Wondrous Love is This”.....No. 292

(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Ashley Goad

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

† BENEDICTIONRev. Erik Rasmussen

† SENDING FORTH.....Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!.....Chancel Choir

WINCHESTER NEW

POSTLUDE.....Fantasia Super: Valet Will ich dir geben.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

[All Glory, Laud and Honor]

Banner Carrier: Luke Smith • Crucifer: Bennett Lewis • Acolytes: Henry Lewis, Max Henry Smith

† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.

Sermon Notes

THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID:

DO NOT WORRY

Matthew 6:25-34

Worry is a symptom of a lack of trust.

Steps to end worry:

1. Pray, lay everything down and ask God for Clarity.
- a. Romans 12:1-2
2. Be obedient to what you hear. What is your role to play?
- b. James 1:22-25
3. Trust God, remember worry is a symptom of a lack of trust.
- c. Jeremiah 17:5-8

Do I worry about needs or wants?

Even more, is my worry about my own kingdom or His?

Scripture Memory Verse for the Week:

Matthew 6:33

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”