

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 Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our wonderful servants in the Welcome Center, located on the ground floor of the Education & Administration (E&A) Building. 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.

OFFERTORY ANNOUNCEMENT:

When giving to the church, please make your checks payable to First Methodist Church {of Shreveport, Louisiana}. We remain a tax-exempt church through section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Thank you for your continued financial support of the church.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Last week was a joyous occasion within the church and the youth group as many of our 7th grade students got to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. They had many lessons, a lot of questions, and fun times to end off on what is an amazing decision that these kids have made!



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

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JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPICE: Dickie Erwin

HOSPITAL: Evelyn Quinn

RECOVERING: Ben Kincannon

SYMPATHY is extended to Helen Evans in the death of her grandson, *Erling Rabe*; and to friends and family in the death of *William T. "Bill" Fullerton*.

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.

If you would like to give flowers, for use during the worship service, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Katie Weir at kcwerie@gmail.com. After worship services, flowers from the altar are arranged into small bouquets and delivered to members who are hospitalized.

THE RED ROSE near the altar honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S: (MARCH-APRIL)

Jace Aaron

Rev. Scott & Nancy Adams

Nadia Anderson

Trinity Armstrong

Henry and Katie Bethard

Wesley Brawley

Charlotte Cypher

Frank and Tammy Flowers

Sadie Gemelli

Caroline Hoss

Junia Hulbert

Alex Kiser

Grayson Magill

Claire Ray

Caroline Rhodes

Libby Claire Robinson

Jon Walker Scoggin

Asher Storer

Caroline Summers

Marlowe Williams

William Yokem

WE WELCOME

YOU TO OUR

WONDERFUL FAITH

FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.12.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$70,865	\$141,730	\$1,004,418
Received	\$69,156	\$186,810	\$1,054,565
Over/(Under)	(\$1,709)	\$45,080	\$50,147

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	190
Traditional worship, 11:00	783
Palabra Viva Combined Services	169
On-line Viewers	89
Total worship attendance	1231
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	291
Weekly Discipleship Activities	558
TOTAL Discipleship	849



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. A Stephen Minister will be to the left of the altar at the end of each service to listen and pray with you. If you are in need of a confidential Stephen Minister, call Ann Shocklee at 424-7771.

Senior Pastor: Dr. Steven Bell • Executive Pastor: Rev. Matthew Hulbert

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd • Associate Pastor: Rev. Emily Blair

Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Alison Beck • Organist: E. Ray Peebles

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am

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

COMMUNION SERVICES: First Sunday of each month at 8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary during services;

Each additional Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary & 12:00pm in Couch Chapel.

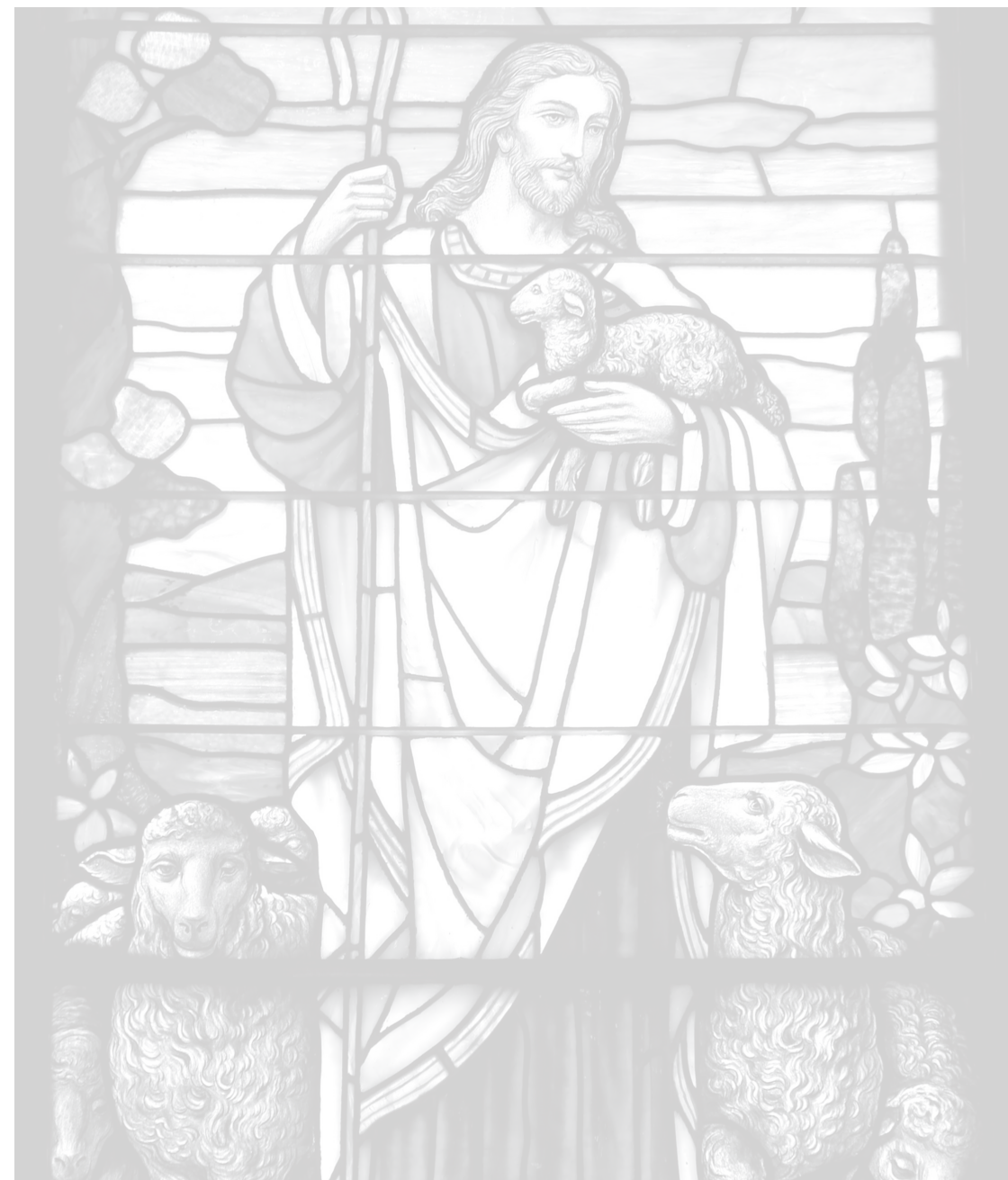
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FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

APRIL 19, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Alison Beck

PRELUDE.....*I Will Arise*.....Handbell Choir
arr. Sondra Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”.....No. 62
Stanzas 1-3, 5

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Emily Blair

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Firm a Foundation*.....Handbell Choir
[...is laid for your faith in His excellent word!]
arr. Douglass Wagner

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 5:1-11.....Kelsey Thornhill

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33
*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.*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Ashley Martin

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Lee DuCote

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.....No. 441 [Excerpt]

*For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power,
and the Glory forever - Amen.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lord of the Dance*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYTraditional

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

MESSAGE.....**THE ROMAN ROAD:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
PEACE AND HOPE

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“My Hope is Built”.....No. 102
(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. Steven Bell
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

† BENEDICTIONDr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry Gatlin Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Choral Prelude on*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Ein feste burg ist Unser Gott
[A Mighty Fortress is Our God]
Helmut Walcha



8:30: Acolyte – Molly Ann Petree

11:00: Banner Carrier – Lily Norris • Crucifer – Anna Claire Caudle
Acolytes – John Marshall Rice, Norah Crawford

† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.
* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.
**Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service.
• 3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center
• K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary
Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children’s Ministry Center.
From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson

Sermon Notes

**THE ROMAN ROAD:
PEACE AND HOPE
ROMANS 5:1-11**

Peace with God (Romans 5:1 and 2)

Rejoice in Hope (Romans 5:3 to 5)

Currency of Heaven (Romans 5:6 to 9)

Reconciled to God (Romans 5:10 and 11)

Scripture Memory Verse

“But God proves His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

— Romans 5:8