

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 Sunday's Holocaust Remembrance Service filled the Sanctuary to near capacity. The service featured beautiful music by John Henry Crawford, the Centenary Choir, and local musicians, as well as meaningful prayers and the participation of community and faith leaders from across the Shreveport-Bossier area. We are deeply grateful to the First Methodist Church family for their support in making this moving and memorable service possible.



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

REHAB: Evelyn Quinn

RECOVERING: Ben Kincannon

SYMPATHY is extended to Abby Averett, Amy Averett Merceica, and Julie Averett and family in the death of Abby's husband and Amy's and Julie's father, *Joe Nalda Averett, Jr.*; and to Karen Laird Porter in the death of her mother, *Glenda Laird*.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rigby Hollingsworth from Lyndell Hollingsworth and family.

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.

MEMORIAL

William "Bill" Fullerton

from Renee McGee

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

Georgia Grace Buteau

Ivy Rebecca Frierson

Elizabeth Byrd May

Bryce Daniel Call

Grayson Paul Hargon

Alex Walker Moton

Cannon James Chandler

Harper Macy Hearron

Bryce Alexander Nix

Crew Hudson Chandler

John Ashton Hunter

Anderson Peter Phillips

Kathryn Abigail Foreman

Kent Gregory Lolley

Jillian Kate Rodgers

Sarah Margaret Foreman

Jacob Conrad Mangin

Owen Brooks Sepulvado

Ezekiel Craig Forsythe

Benjamin Patrick Vance

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.19.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$70,865	\$212,595	\$1,075,283
Received	\$71,303	\$258,113	\$1,125,868
Over/(Under)	\$438	\$45,518	\$50,585

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	196
Traditional worship, 11:00	381
Faithlink worship	287
Palabra Viva Combined Services	184
On-line Viewers	43
Holocaust Remembrance Service	750
Total worship attendance	1841
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	324
Weekly Discipleship Activities	709
TOTAL Discipleship	1033



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 26, 2026 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Andress (8:30)
Ivy Frierson (11:00)

PRELUDE.....*Processional*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
William Mathias

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson (8:30)
Grayson Hargon (11:00)

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”.....No. 258

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Lee DuCote (8:30)
Sarah Foreman (11:00)

CONFIRMATION (8:30).....Adelyn Grace Teague

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....John Ashton Hunter

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Make Me an Instrument*.....Ensemble (8:30)
[Prayer of St. Francis] Chancel Choir (11:00)
Craig Courtney

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 5:12-21.....Rev. Emily Blair (8:30)
Kate Foreman (11:00)

† 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.....Billie Tate (8:30)
Harper Hearron (11:00)

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer (8:30)
Ezekiel Forsythe (11:00)

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.....*Give Me Jesus*.....Nina Guerrero, soprano
arr. Hall Johnson Dr. Alison Beck, piano

† 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
LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“In Christ Alone”.....No. 106

(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.)

BLESSING OF OUR GRADUATES (11:00).....Dr. Steven Bell

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.....*On Eagle’s Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Tu es Petra*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Henry Mulet

[You are Peter, and on this rock,
I will build my Church, and the gates of hell
will not prevail against it. - Matthew 16:18]



11:00: *Banner Carrier – Albany Lyles • Crucifer – Mia White*
Acolyte – Chloe Meyers

† *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 Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets

Sermon Notes

**THE ROMAN ROAD:
LIFE THROUGH CHRIST
ROMANS 5:12-21**

Humanity's Ruin (Romans 5:12 to 14).

Humanity's Rescue (Romans 5:15 to 19).

Humanity's Reign (Romans 5:20 and 21).

Scripture Memory Verse

“Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.”

— Romans 5:18