

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

Bobby Lyles spoke at the Men's Lunch on May 14th, sharing his family's response to God's call to serve in the mission field. Bobby and his family are currently raising funds to join Teach Beyond as staff in Germany.



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

REHAB: Beverly Thurmon, Joyce Hooper

RECOVERING: Delena Thomas

SYMPATHY is extended to Debbie Davis in the death of her husband, *Mike Davis*.

CONGRATULATIONS to Madeline McGee Suarez and Jose Suarez on the birth of their baby boy, *Nico*. Grandmother is Renee McGee.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Margaret and Winston Rice, Priscilla and Vincent Rice, Faye and Bob Jackson and Emma and Alex Rice* from their families.

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

Dr. Paul Jordan and Mrs. Linda Jordan Dr. Megan Smalley and Mr. David Smalley
Laurin Sandlin

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.17.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$58,915	\$176,745	\$1,322,893,
Received	\$66,776	\$236,965	\$1,433,766
Over/(Under)	\$7,861	\$60,220	\$110,873

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	194
Traditional worship, 11:00	314
FaithLink worship	143
Palabra Viva Combined Services	169
On-line Viewers	51
Total worship attendance:	871
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	344
Weekly Discipleship Activities	256
TOTAL Discipleship	600

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: Dr. 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.

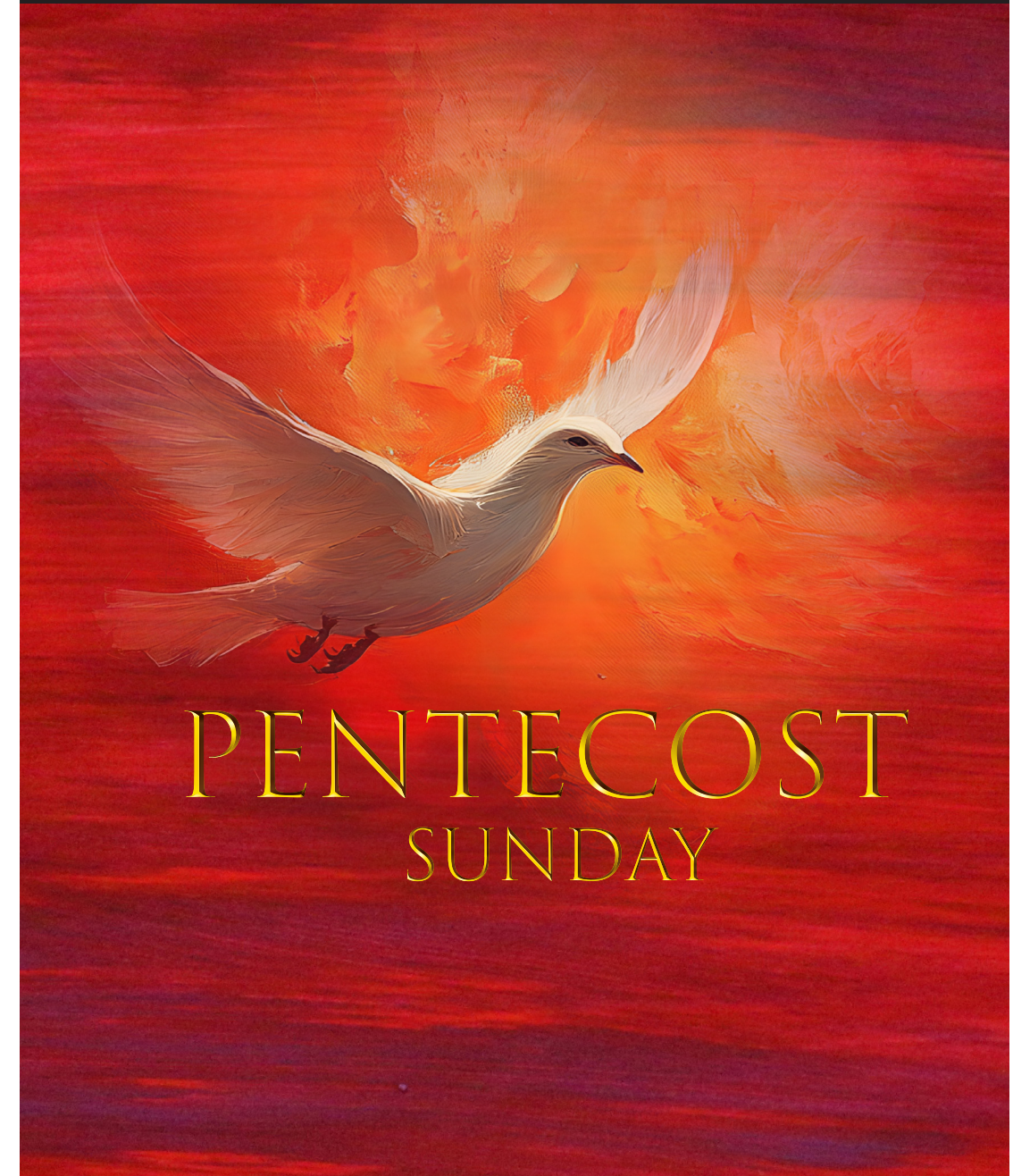
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METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 24, 2026



PENTECOST SUNDAY

WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2026

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

PRELUDENo One Combined Worship Team
Elevation Worship

Every Time I Feel the Spirit E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Iain Farrinton

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYERLuis Valenzuela

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 2:1-4..... Vicki Sullivan and Pedro Ovalle

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”No. 289

MUSICAL OFFERING *Good Good Father*.....Children's Choir
Pat Barrett and Tony Brown

*CHILDREN’S BLESSING..... Erin Hogg

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Kathy Wafer and Cecilia Gonzalez

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. 299

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS....."Agnus Dei/King of Kings" Combined
Hillsong Worship Team

MESSAGE.....SYMBOLS OF THE SPIRIT: FIRE.....Pastor Steven Bell
Pastor Matthew Hulbert
Pastor Ebi Barrios

CLOSING SONG "All Honor"Combined Worship Team
Ron Kenoly

† BENEDICTION Dr. Steven Bell and Pedro Ovalle

SENDING FORTH "Praise"Combined Worship Team
Elevation Worship



Kite Flyer – Albany Lyles • Banner Carrier – Caroline Summers

Crucifer – Andrew Summers

Acolytes – Belle Shuey, Abram Storer

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

* *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

SYMBOLS OF THE SPIRIT: FIRE

ACTS 2:1-4

Introduction - John 14:26-27, Acts 1:8

The Fire of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-13, Daniel 3:24-25

The Fire of Evangelism - Exodus 3:1-7

The Fire of Purification - Malachi 3:1-6, Luke 3:16-17

Conclusion-Exodus 13:21-22

Scripture Memory Verse

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.”

— Acts 2:17