

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

Need a smile or hug? Join our volunteers as they make a difference in the GEMs Ministry. Our Special Needs Ministry provides a monthly respite night for parents and caregivers while their child or children enjoy a party atmosphere event including dinner, crafts, games, movie, and a reminder that they are loved and valued. "A disability is merely a different ability."



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

HOSPITAL: Delena Thomas

REHAB: Beverly Thurmon

RECOVERING: Joyce Hooper, Casey Hinton

SYMPATHY is extended to Bruce Flett in the death of his brother, *Deane "Buddy" Flett*.

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

MEMORIALS

Joe Averett

from Linda and Charles Knicely
Seekers Sunday School Class

Gordon "Bub" Van Hoose

from Seekers Sunday School Class

Gayle Wren

from Seekers Sunday School Class

HONORARIUM

FMC-S Pastors and Staff

from Johnette and Jim Barnes

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S

Dr. Paul Jordan and Mrs. Linda Jordan
Laurin Sandlin

Dr. Megan Smalley and Mr. David Smalley

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.24.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$58,915	\$235,660	\$1,381,808
Received	\$43,080	\$280,045	\$1,476,846
Over/(Under)	<\$15,835>	\$44,385	\$95,038

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 24, 2026

Traditional, FaithLink, Palabra Viva
 Combined Services 11:00 am.....505
 On-line Viewers52
 Palabra Viva Wednesday & Sun. Evening.....168
Total worship attendance:..... 725
 Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....222
 Weekly Discipleship Activities601
TOTAL Discipleship..... 823

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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FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 31, 2026 • TRINITY SUNDAY



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
 LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
 WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Trinity Sunday - May 31, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. David Hobson

PRELUDE*Adoration*Elizabeth Beck, violin
Florence Price Dr. Alison Beck, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Holy, Holy, Holy”No. 23

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693 Lee DuCote

Celebration of LifeDiscipleship BandsPat Quick

MUSICAL OFFERING *O Lord, Most Holy*Dr. Bob Holladay, tenor
[Panis Angelicus] Elizabeth Beck, violin
César Franck Dr. Alison Beck, piano

† SCRIPTURE READINGMatthew 3:13-17, 28:16-20Debbie Henry

† 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.

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CHILDREN’S BLESSING..... Billie Tate

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Emily Blair

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 RESPONSENo. 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*Spirit, Now Live In Me*..... Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Fred Bock 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.....**SYMBOLS OF THE SPIRIT:**Rev. Matthew Hulbert
THE DOVE

† HYMN OF INVITATION “Go, Make of All Disciples”No. 452

**(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 MEMBERSRev. Matthew Hulbert
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.

BENEDICTIONRev. Matthew Hulbert

† SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You* Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Promised Land*.....Dr. Alison Beck, piano
arr. Joseph Martin



8:30: *Crucifer* – Lila Holley-Lerchie • *Acolyte* – Evie Holley-Lerchie
11:00: *Banner Carrier* – Asher Storer • *Crucifer* – Abram Storer
Acolytes – Charlotte Carr, Audrey Storer

† 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

**SYMBOLS OF THE SPIRIT:
THE DOVE**

MATTHEW 3:13-17, 28:16-20

Sacrifice

Peace

Innocence

Creation

Scripture Memory Verse

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him.”

— Matthew 3:16