

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

The Cumbre Alta Soccer Coaches from Quito, Ecuador received a warm Louisiana welcome with gift baskets filled with snacks, toiletries, and other thoughtful items donated and assembled by members of First Methodist Church.



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: Bill Bond, Nevel Ehrhardt

SYMPATHY is extended to Terri Dickerson in the death of her great niece, *Abigail Akers*; and to Rev. Matthew Hulbert in the death of his uncle, *Larry Walker, Jr.*

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

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S

Dr. Paul Jordan and Mrs. Linda Jordan
Laurin Sandlin

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR
WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

Dr. Megan Smalley and Mr. David Smalley

MEMORIAL

Joe Averett
from Carolyn and Dean Griffen

Year to Date - May 31, 2026 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$1,634	\$1,730	\$96
Cash Disbursements	\$1,911	\$1,800	\$111
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$277)	(\$70)	\$207

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 06.07.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$82,874	\$82,874	\$1,523,597
Received	\$113,780	\$113,780	\$1,649,261
Over/(Under)	\$30,906	\$30,906	\$125,664

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JUNE 07, 2026	
Traditional worship, 8:30	174
Traditional worship, 11:00	289
Faithlink worship	127
Palabra Viva Combined Services	237
On-line Viewers	45
Total worship attendance	872
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	284
Weekly Discipleship Activities	316
TOTAL Discipleship	600



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

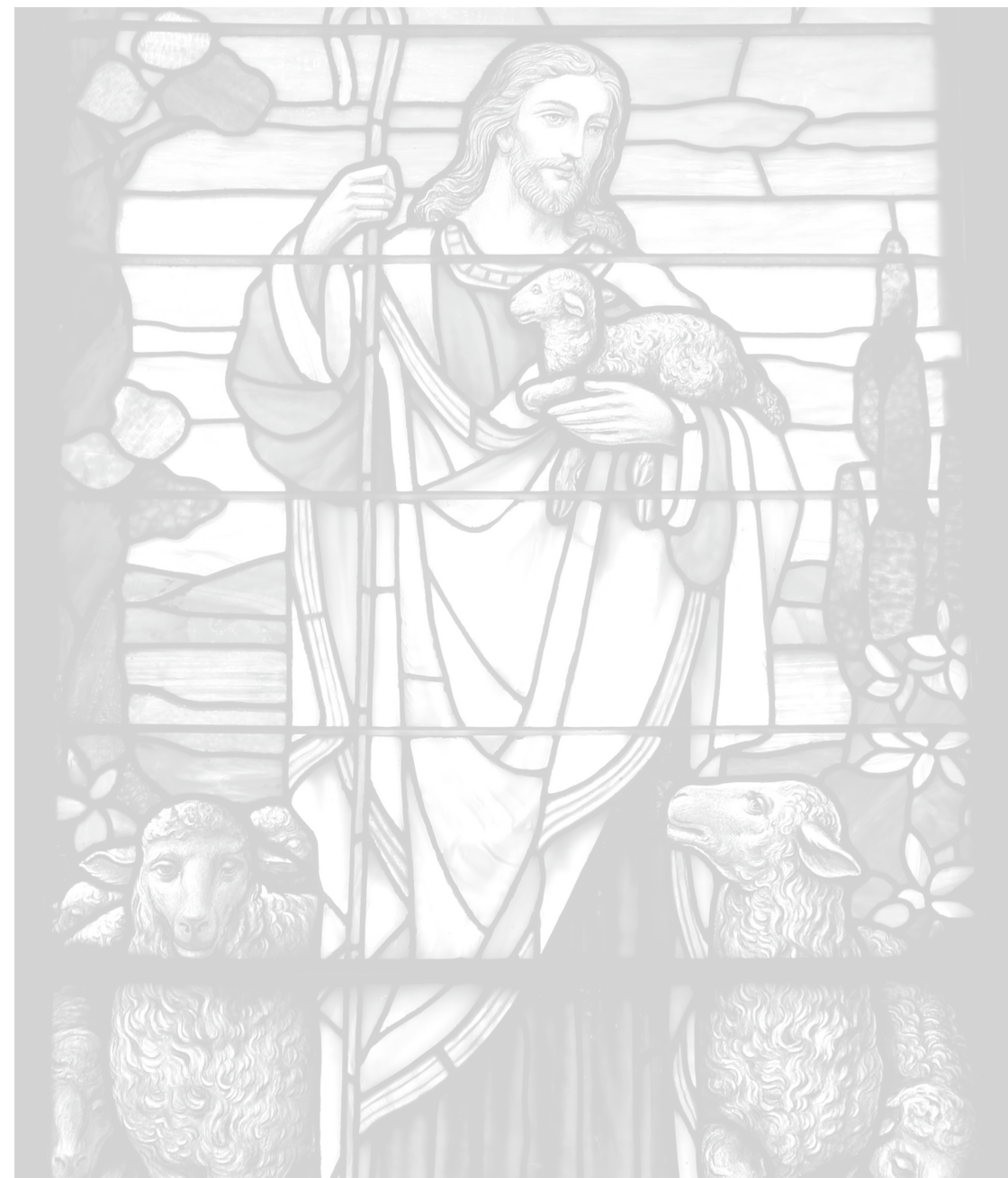
Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Alison Beck • Organist: E. Ray Peebles

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.
 318.424.7771 office • 318.429.6888 fax • **PRAYER LINE:** 318.429.6898
www.firstshreveport.com

FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JUNE 14, 2026 • THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday After Pentecost - June 14, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Address

PRELUDE.....*Canzon Septimi Toni a 8*.....Brass Quartet
Giovanni Gabrieli/arr. James Boeringer E. Ray Peebles, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Alison Beck

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”No. 309
[Setting by Samuel Metzger]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

CONFIRMATION (8:30).....Lorynn & Sadie Farrington

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Rev. Stephanie Kidd

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Hymn to the Holy Spirit*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Craig Courtney Chancel Choir (11:00)
Brass Quartet

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 2:4-7.....John Griffin

† 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.....Helen Palmer

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

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.....*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*.....Gary Elam, tenor
arr. Randall Thompson

† 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:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
WIND

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“O Spirit of the Living God”Text Below

*O Spirit of the living God, Thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon Thy church once more, and make it truly Thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.*

*Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.*

*Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family by whom Thy will is done.*

*So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with Him to life which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes Thy children whole;
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!*

*(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.)*

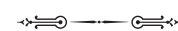
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Steven Bell

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

POSTLUDE.....*Psalm XIX*.....Brass Quartet
Benedetto Marcello/arr. Chester Kingsbury E. Ray Peebles, organ
[The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork...
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.]



8:30: *Crucifer* – Lila Holley-Lerchie • *Acolyte* – Evie Holley-Lerchie

11:00: *Banner Carrier* – Mollie Rice • *Crucifer* – Grayson Magill
Acolyte – Landon Magill and John Marshall Rice

† *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

• K5–2ND 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:

WIND

GENESIS 2:4-7

Wind Is Invisible (John 4:24; 16:16).

Wind Is Directional (Genesis 1:2).

Wind Is Powerful (Genesis 2:7).

Wind Is Unpredictable (Acts 2:4).

Wind Is Uncontrollable (John 3:8).

Scripture Memory Verse

*“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound,
but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is
going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”*

— John 3:8