

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 Girls Section of our Troop 18 went to Hale Scout Reservation in Southeast Oklahoma for a week of Scout Camp. The girls met, camped and ate with scouts from several states. They worked on Ranks and Merit Badges.



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: James Blewett

REHAB: Steve Lavery

RECOVERING: Julia Ann & Will Andress

SYMPATHY is extended to Frank Thaxton IV (Jordan) and family in the death of father and grandfather, *Frank Thaxton III*; and to Mary Barnard (Mark), Mary Kathryn, Matthew, and Kelli Mayfield in the death of father, grandfather, and uncle, *Thomas W. "Sonny" Hardee III*.

CONGRATULATIONS to Laurin Sandlin and Hunter Breedlove on the birth of their baby boy, *Kallumn David Breedlove*, born June 25, 2026. Grandmother is Gigi Breedlove and great-grandmother is Mary Brownfield.

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

MEMORIAL

Michael "Mike" Davis

from Carol and Tom Dahle and Stephen

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S

Lorynn Farrington

Sadie Farrington

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 06.28.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$82,874	\$331,496	\$1,772,219
Received	\$49,619	\$293,125	\$1,828,606
Over/(Under)	(\$33,255)	(\$38,371)	\$56,387

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2026

Traditional worship, 11:00	729
Faithlink worship	107
Palabra Viva Combined Services	105
On-line Viewers	224
Total worship attendance:	1166
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	235
Weekly Discipleship Activities	783
TOTAL Discipleship	1018

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

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

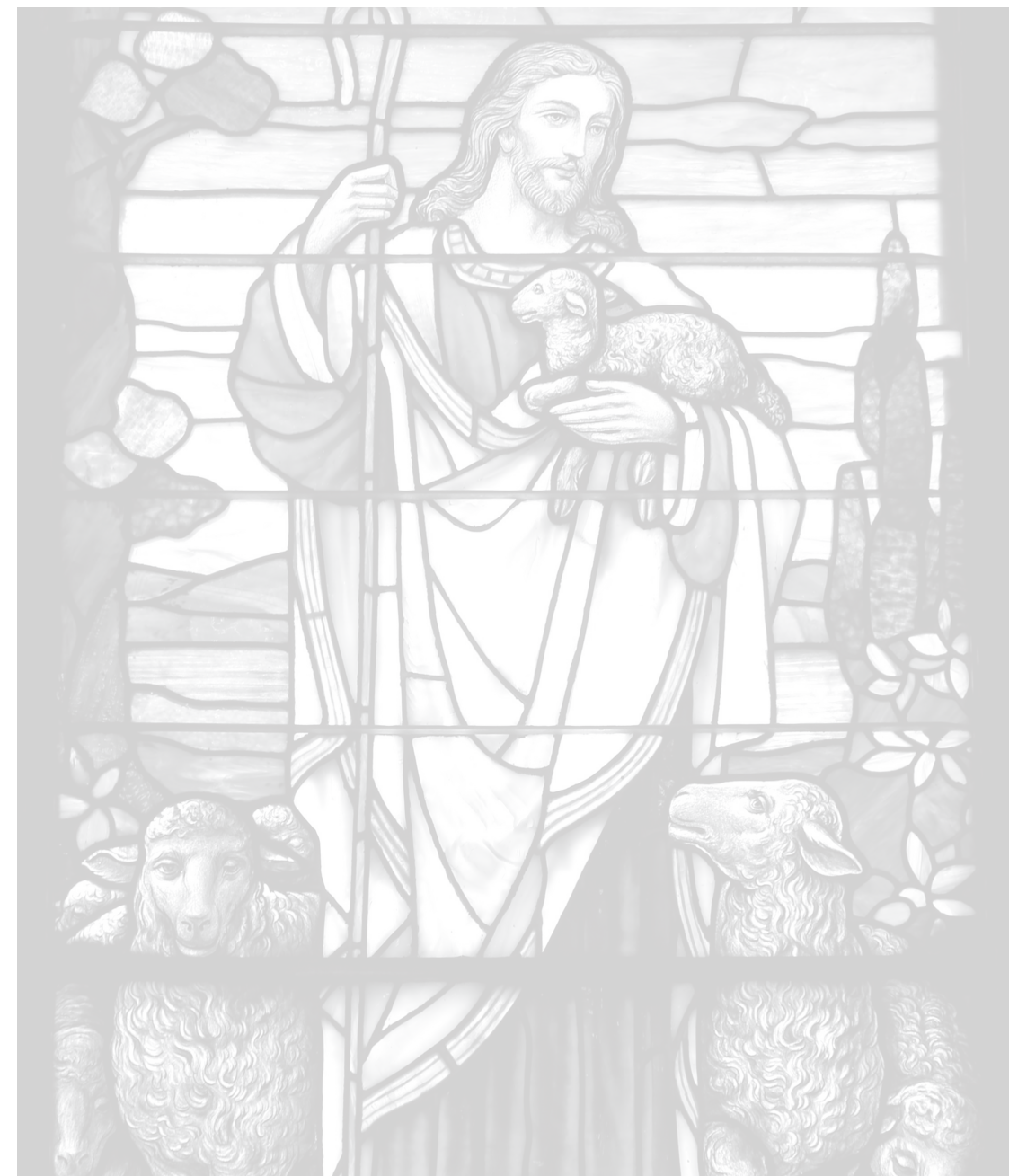
Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Dr. Alison Beck • Organist: E. Ray Peebles

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

JULY 5, 2026 • SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
 LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
 WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 5, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Lee DuCote

PRELUDE.....*Amazing Grace*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
arr. Alison Beck Dr. Alison Beck, piano

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON.....No. 730.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”.....No. 47

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Vicki Sullivan

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 19: 41-44.....Nancy Brooks

† 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.....Staci Zeagler

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Debby Williams

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.....“God Help the Outcasts”.....Wallace Rakowczy, alto
from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* Steve Valenzuela, bass
Alan Menken/arr. Schwartz & Snyder *Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Choir & Cast members
Elizabeth Beck, violin
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.....DIVINE DIRECTION:.....Rev. Kathy Wafer
CIRCUMSTANTIAL SIGNS (PROVIDENCE)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 731.....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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MUSICAL OFFERING.....*He Leadeth Me*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Benjamin Wegner Chancel Choir (11:00)

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER.....No. 710.....Lee DuCote

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“The Communion Hymn”.....No. 415

(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.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

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. Kathy Wafer

† SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....“The Bells of Notre Dame”.....Dr. Alison Beck, organ
from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Alan Menken/arr. Anna Lapwood



11:00: *Banner Carrier – Anderson Smith • Crucifer – Caroline Summers*
Acolytes – Chloe Meyers and Andrew Summers

† *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 Street.

Sermon Notes

DIVINE DIRECTION:

CIRCUMSTANTIAL SIGNS (PROVIDENCE)

LUKE 19: 41-44

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because he would be rejected by the people and because he foresaw the city’s future destruction. What person or group of people do you long to see accept Christ as their Savior? You can write a prayer for them here and keep this slip of paper in your bible. God hears, God knows your heart and God knows the heart of those you are holding in prayer.

Scripture Memory Verse

*“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you **created all things**, and by your will they **were created** and have their being.”*

— Revelation 4:11