

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

FMCS was well represented at the GMC Trinity Annual Conference in College Station, Texas this past June. It was filled with powerful times of worship, fellowship and experiencing the Holy Spirit in new ways.



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: Yvonne Grammer, Doug King

RECOVERING: Sally Hanson, Steve Lavery, Brian Terrell

SYMPATHY is extended to Yvonne Grammer in the death of her husband, *William A. "Bill" Grammer, Jr.*; and to Silvia Blewett in the death of her husband, *James Blewett*.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Benjamin E. Foster, Jr. from Pam Foster, June Foster, Michael and Beth Foster, Ben and Allison Foster and grandchildren.

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

Michael "Mike" Davis

from Lounelle Black

Babbette Gerard

from James Gerard

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S

Lacey and Chris Ardoin

Lorynn Farrington

Sadie Farrington

Heather and Derek Gunter

Grayson Magill

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 07.12.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$77,515	\$155,030	\$1,927,249
Received	\$41,724	\$110,366	\$1,938,972
Over/(Under)	(\$35,791)	(\$44,664)	\$11,723

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	157
Traditional worship 11:00.....	301
Faithlink worship	286
Palabra Viva Combined Services	166
On-line Viewers	64
Total worship attendance.....	974
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	303
Weekly Discipleship Activities	1595
TOTAL Discipleship.....	1898

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.

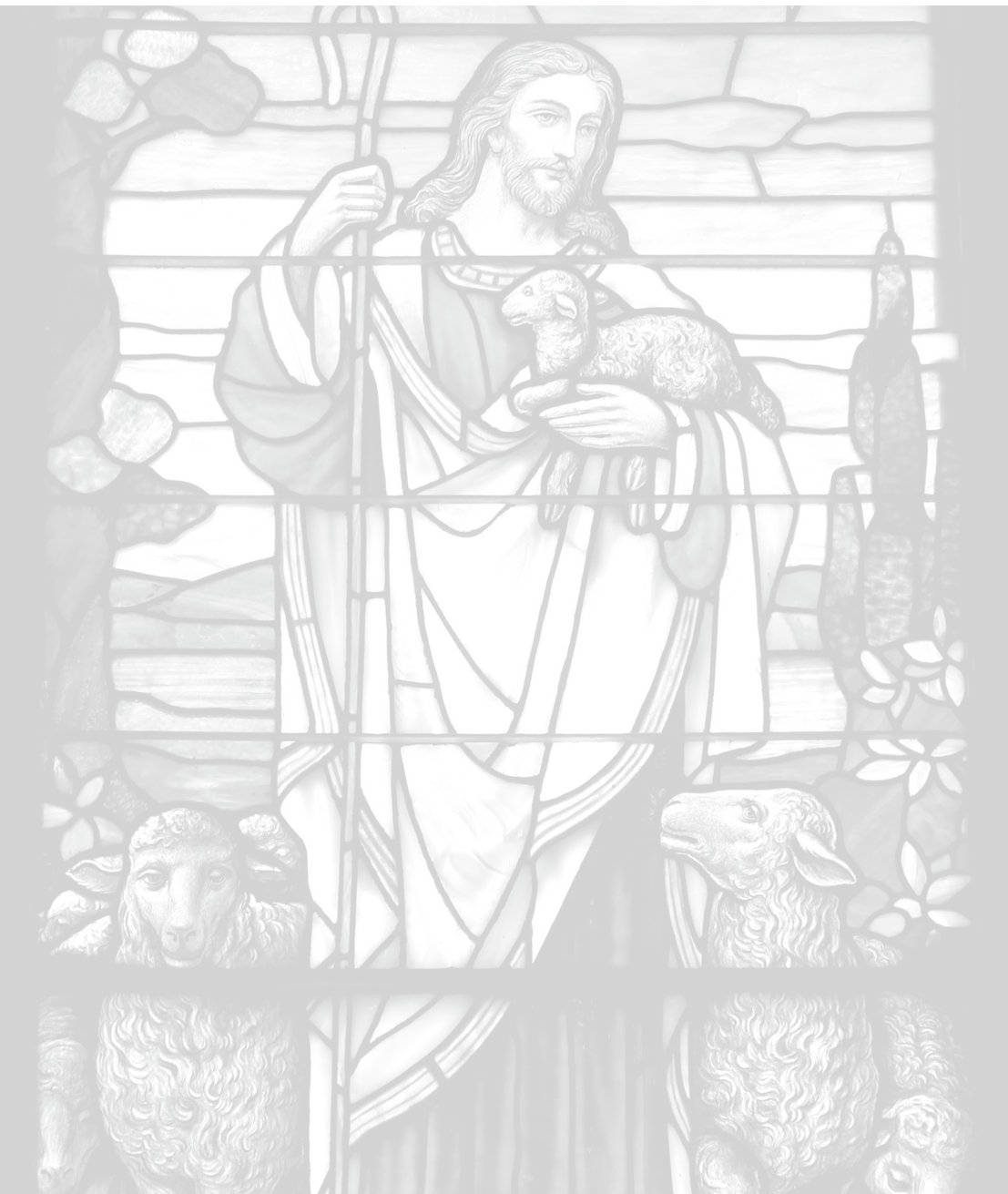
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METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

JULY 19, 2026 • EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship		
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - July 19, 2026		
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Address		
PRELUDE.....Christos Patterakis.....E. Ray Peebles, organ Roy Perry		
CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson		
† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”No. 2		
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Lee DuCote		
CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Tricia Firth		
MUSICAL OFFERING.....Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee.....Ensemble (8:30) Howard Helvey Chancel Choir (11:00)		
† SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 20:17-24.....Marilyn Beach		
† 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.....Ashley Martin		
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. ‡		
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 Faith Looks Up to Thee.....Liesl Cruz, alto
George B. Nevin Steve Valenzuela, bass

† 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:.....Dr. Steven Bell
COMPELLING SPIRIT

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”No. 320
[Stanzas 1–3, 5]

(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.....Grace, Love, and Fellowship.....Ensemble (8:30)
Tom Fettke Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....Fugue à la Gigue.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox

11:00: Acolyte – Isabel Haggard

† 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

DIVINE DIRECTION:
COMPELLING SPIRIT
ACTS 20:17-24

Compelling Spirit

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Scripture Memory Verse
“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.”
— Acts 20:22