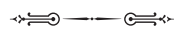


WELCOME

We are glad you're here. Please sign our register to let us know that you're visiting, so our members can make you feel at home.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US FOR

WORSHIP TODAY! If you have any questions about Sunday morning activities & Worship or you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- ♦ Ask one of our wonderful ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. 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.
- ♦ Visit www.firstshreveport.org/getconnected

READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet with one of our pastors before deciding, please contact our front desk at 424-7771 for more information.

You may join the church today by profession of faith, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. To join, simply come to the front of the church and meet the pastors during the singing of the last hymn.

FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Grab a copy of the *First Weekly* or *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit firstshreveport.org.

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Dona Anders, LaVerne Hitchcock

SYMPATHY is extended to Dr. Bob Holladay, Dr. Lynne Holladay & Gwynn Holladay & family in the death of their brother, David Holladay; to Marvin Brossette & family in the death of his sister-in-law, Anna Brossette; to Shirley Brown & family in the death of her sister, Doris Hight; to Emily Claycomb & family in the death of her mother, Sally Fox and to Tammy M. Harris & family in the death of her mother, Patricia Morrell.

CONGRATULATIONS to Caitlin & Aaron Bronson on the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Joy Bronson on August 3, 2020. Maternal grandparents are Rebecca & Joe Hogan and paternal grandparents are Kim & Gordon Bronson.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of the current members and in loving memory of the deceased members of The Seekers Sunday School Class.

THE RED ROSE near the altar honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Susan Sippel

from Pete Freix

Steve Head

Rachel Raines

Marilyn Merkle

Betsy Peatross

Betty Jo Dutton

Steve & Karen Ewing

~Eternal Flame:~

Given in Memory of the 64th Wedding Anniversary of Don & Mary Bamburg

from their son, Don M. Bamburg.

In honor of 91st birthday of Carolyn Yancey Smith

from Marilyn & Craig Prothro & Family

VITAL SIGNS

| Contributions | Week Ending 08.09.20 | Month-to-Date | Year-to-Date |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Goal | \$63,263 | \$126,526 | \$2,342,098 |
| Received | \$74,377 | \$152,177 | \$2,280,632 |
| Over/(Under) | \$11,114 | \$25,651 | (\$61,466) |

| Year to Date - July 31, 2020 (in thousands) | | | |
|---|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Variation |
| Cash Receipts | \$2,657 | \$2,400 | (\$257) |
| Cash Disbursements | \$2,956 | \$2,547 | \$409 |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$299) | (\$147) | \$152 |

Funds from advanced pledge giving and the Hunter Foundation are moved to the operating account each month on a prorated basis to help fund the deficit that we always experience through the year. We pray that members will consider their individual pledges as a floor to giving and not a ceiling, and that those in a position to do so, will move ahead to help fund God's 365-day-a year work through our church. — Your Finance Team



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. *If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce

Associate Pastor: Dr. Ashley Goad • Associate Pastor: Rev. Erik Rasmussen • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads

Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles

Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, **LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC** at 11:00am

FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am

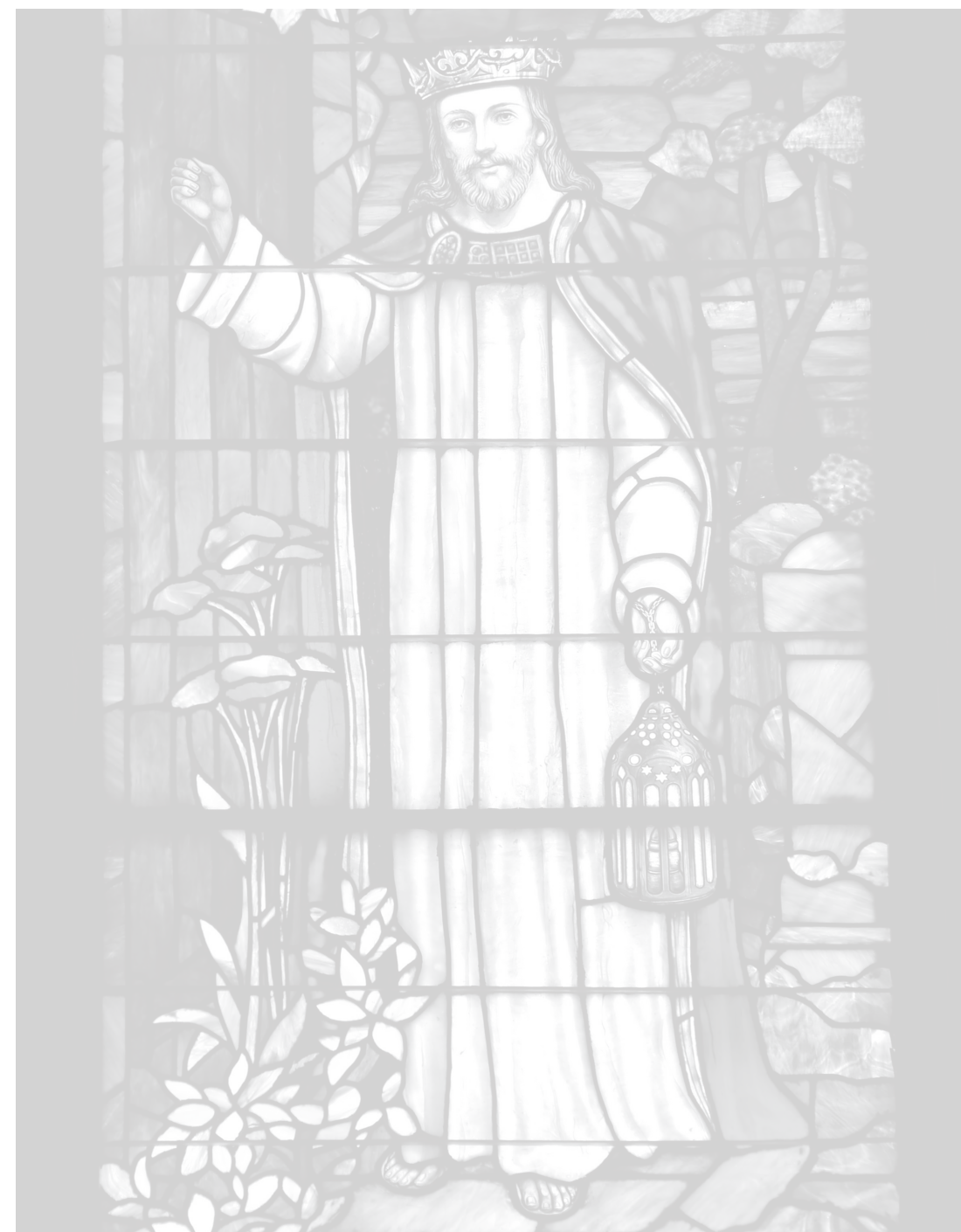
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

AUGUST 16, 2020 • ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost - August 16, 2020

PRELUDE.....*To a Wild Rose*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Edward MacDowell
transcribed by Robert Ehrhardt

arr. Nancy Hill Cobb

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Debby Williams

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 2:1-10.....Debby Williams
See scripture reading on Text Page

*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.*

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

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.

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love is This?*.....Wesleyans
arr. David Westbrook Madelyn Stewart, soprano
Robert Cruz, piano

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| † Doxology | No. 94 |
| <p><i>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!</i></p> | |

SCRIPTURE READING.....II Timothy 1:8-10.....Dr. Pat Day
See scripture reading on Text Page

MESSAGE.....HIS GRACE STILL AMAZES ME.....Dr. Pat Day

(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.)

BENEDICTION Dr. Pat Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Wesleyans
Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata in Seven*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
John Rutter



HIS GRACE STILL AMAZES ME

II Timothy 1:8-10

I. First, the **description** of grace.

II. Second, the **dilemma** of grace.

III. Third, the the **direction** of grace.

IV. Fourth, the **dispensers** of grace.

V. Finally, the **decision** of grace.

Hymn of Praise No. 66
“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God’s praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;

Praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God’s faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;

Mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God’s mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;

Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Hymns

August 16, 2020



Hymn of Invitation No. 378
“Amazing Grace”
Stanzas 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We’ve no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we’d first begun.

Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture and Creeds

August 16, 2020

Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

II Timothy 1:8-10

"So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."