

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

With grateful hearts, we celebrate the safe arrival of the Lyles family in Germany as they begin the next chapter of God's calling on their lives. This photo captures a special moment as their loved ones and church family gathered at the airport to surround them with love, encouragement, prayers, and heartfelt goodbyes before they departed.



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 Dorsey
RECOVERING: Lyndell Hollingsworth
SYMPATHY is extended to Randall “Tommy” T. Moore, III, Randle T. Moore, IV, Douglas Moore, Taylor Frost Moore, and Stuart Frost Moore in the death of Tommy’s wife, *Dorothy Moore*.
FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God from Amanda and Kirk La Vigne.

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.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE RECIPIENTS

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| Maddox Ardoin | Virginia Lamb |
| Hadley Baker | Anna LeBlanc |
| Benjamin Boncheff | Landon Magill |
| Alice Brossette | Micah Magyar |
| Maggie Descant | Indiana Paulovich |
| Addie Leigh Hayes | Mabry Petree |
| Blythe Hill | Michael Simpson |
| Aela Johnson | Mae Williams |
| William Johnson | Jack Zavalydriga |

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S

Lacey and Chris Ardoin
Charles Fourhman
Heather and Derek Gunter
Alyssa Logan
Katie MacMurray

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR
WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

Year to Date – July 31, 2026 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$2,348	\$2,343	(\$5)
Cash Disbursements	\$2,672	\$2,508	\$164
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$324)	(\$164)	\$160

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 08.09.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$62,330	\$124,660	\$2,206,939
Received	\$57,347	\$195,282	\$2,286,505
Over/(Under)	(\$4,983)	\$70,622	\$79,566

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026	
Traditional worship, 8:30	163
Traditional worship 11:00	345
Faithlink worship	252
Palabra Viva Combined Services	213
On-line Viewers	61
Total worship attendance:.....	1034
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	314
Weekly Discipleship Activities	236
TOTAL Discipleship	550

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer

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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FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

AUGUST 16, 2026 · TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost - August 16, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Alison Beck

PRELUDE.....“Elevation”.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *Mass for the Convents*
François Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”No. 662
[Psalm 100]

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Dr. Will Address

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION.....Dr. Steven Bell
Dr. Bell: *Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are, and they tell us whose we are. We are the people of God. Loved by Him and protected by Him. We belong together and are bound together by these holy words found in these very books that you have received today.*

Congregation: *We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, your Sunday School classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s word.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....O God Beyond All Praising.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Richard Proulx Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 100..... Jessica Baker

† 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.....Lee DuCote

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.....*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*.....Dr. Alison Beck, piano
arr. Marianne Kim E. Ray Peebles, organ

† 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.....**OUR MISSION:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
WORSHIP PASSIONATELY

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“How Great Thou Art”No. 32
(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.....God Be With You.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fiat Lux*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
[Eternal Light]
Théodore Dubois



8:30: Banner Carrier – Lila Holley-Lerchie • Crucifer – Molly Ann Petree
Acolytes – Evie Holley-Lerchie and Mabry Petree

11:00: Banner Carrier – Grayson Magill • Crucifer – Isabel Haggard
Acolytes – John Marshall Rice and Belle Shuey

† *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
OUR MISSION:
WORSHIP PASSIONATELY
PSALM 100

What Is Worship?

Pursuing Passionate Worship

Being Overwhelmed by God’s Greatness

Scripture Memory Verse
“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.”
— *Psalm 42:1*