

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

Look who stopped by First Methodist this week! Our newest Global Missions partner, Bobby Lyles, who recently moved with Kip and Albany to Kandern, Germany, to serve at Black Forest Academy, was back in the States checking in on his dad following his successful lung transplant surgery. Please continue to pray for Bobby's dad as he recovers and for the Lyles family as they serve in Germany.



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: Jim Gulett

REHAB: Judy Van Hoose, Wade Shemwell

SYMPATHY is extended to Eddie Brossette in the death of his dad, *Marvin Brossette*; to friends and family in the death of *Betty C. Smith*.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. William Mabry Wilder from Amanda and Kirk LaVigne.

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:

Erin and Eric Kenny

Katie MacMurray

Susan Morgan

Heather Nicholls

Jane Sevier

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 09.13.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$85,058	\$170,116	\$2,564,045
Received	\$82,852	\$137,047	\$2,638,247
Over/(Under)	(\$2,206)	(\$33,069)	\$74,202

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	155
Traditional worship 11:00.....	296
Faithlink worship	284
Palabra Viva Combined Services	175
On-line Viewers	66
Total worship attendance:.....	976
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	307
Weekly Discipleship Activities	596
TOTAL Discipleship.....	903

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: 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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METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Celebration of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 20, 2026

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Lee DuCote

PRELUDE.....*Andante Religioso*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Alec Rowley

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Great Is Our Redeeming Lord”.....No. 43

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Dr. Will Address

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Youth Ministry.....Kay Ferguson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“If with all your hearts”.....Gary Elam, tenor
from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 19:11-27..... Aaron Storer

† 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.

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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.

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PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 332

Lead me, Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness.
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only
That makest me dwell in safety.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O Zion, Haste*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Craig CourtneyChancel Choir (11:00)

† HYMN.....*“O Zion, Haste”.....No. 451
*Please stand as directed and sing Stanzas 1 and 4.

† 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.....**To Revive a City:**.....Dr. Steven Bell
THE PASSION FOR THE CITY

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“All to Jesus I Surrender”.....No. 607

(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.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry GatlinChancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Carillon-Sortie*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Henri Mulet

8:30: Banner Carrier – Liam Gunter • Crucifer – Molly Ann Petree • Acolyte – Mabry Petree

11:00: Banner Carrier – Grayson Magill • Crucifer – Anna Claire Caudle
Acolytes – Ellie Caudle and Landon Magill

† 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

To Revive a City:

THE PASSION FOR THE CITY

LUKE 19:11-27

The Passion for the City

Investing Now for Then

Everything We Have Belongs to God

Scripture Memory Verse

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

— Luke 19:10