

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2027

We invite you to bring your 2027 Stewardship commitment cards to worship with you or scan this QR code, as we pledge to further the Kingdom of God through our tithes and service to this church.



MINISTRY MOMENT

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who joined us for Embracing the Word with Kari Gray!

We hope you enjoy your bracelets, and remember, the second bracelet is meant to be shared. Give it to someone who may need the reminder that God loves them, sees them, and is always with them.

What a beautiful way to carry His love beyond our gathering and into the lives of others!



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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Visitor Information • Request Prayer • Give Online



JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITAL: Lara Embry, Jim Gulett, Patsy Lavery, Cinda McKenzie

REHAB: Bill Colbert, Dr. Dean Griffen, Judy Van Hoose, Wade Shemwell

RECOVERING: Debbie Hunter, Susan Lawrence, Dr. Seborn Woods

SYMPATHY is extended to Becky Davis (Kirk), Tricia Frierson (Archer), and Megan Poljak (Davor) in the death of mother and grandmother, *Margie King Rachal*.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God in memory of Amy Foster from Carolyn Foster Hedges and Mark Hedges.

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

James Slater Blewett

from Mr. and Mrs. James M. Goins

Susanne Golden

Melanie and Barrow Peacock

Marvin Brossette

from Susan and Mike Adams

Carolyn Dean

Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, III

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Meldrum, Jr.

Virginia Phelps

Mike Davis

from Debbie Davis, Robin Castaillac, and

Suzanne Beckman

Richard "Rick" Faries

from Mariners Sunday School Class

Dr. William "Doug" King

from Susanne Golden

Ann Miles Robinson

from Carolyn Dean

NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S:

Amanda and Joel Carver

Jane Sevier

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.04.26	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$80,592	\$80,592	\$2,814,753
Received	\$101,922	\$101,922	\$2,849,271
Over/(Under)	\$21,330	\$21,330	\$34,518

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

Traditional worship, 8:30	144
Traditional worship 11:00.....	279
Faithlink worship	172
Palabra Viva Combined Services	164
On-line Viewers	104
Total worship attendance.....	863
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	247
Weekly Discipleship Activities	620
TOTAL Discipleship.....	867

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

Associate Pastors: Rev. Kathy Wafer, Rev. Lee DuCote

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.

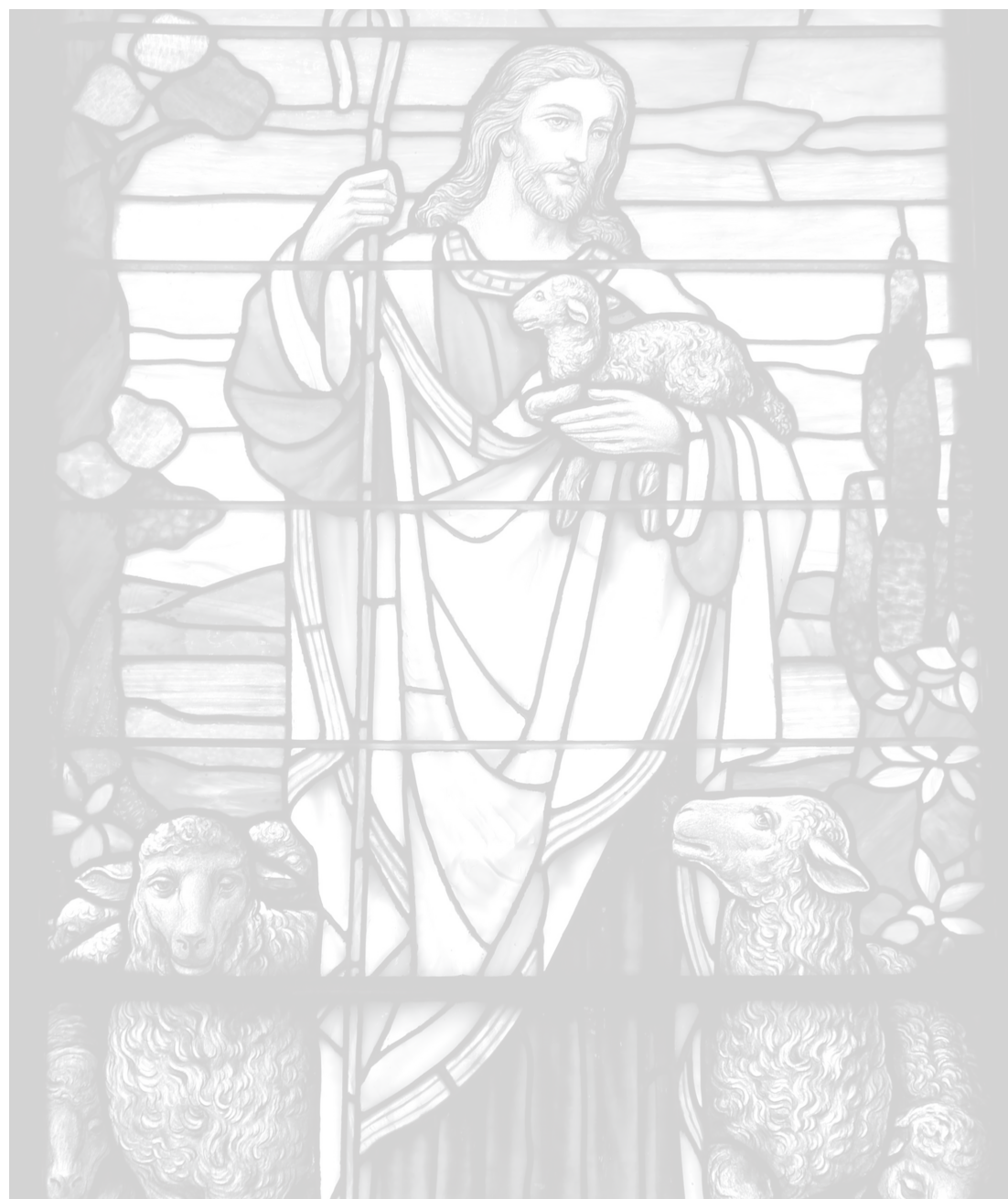
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FIRST

METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 11, 2026 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - October 11, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. Will Address

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Lee DuCote

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“How Firm a Foundation”.....No. 46

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 691.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O Worship the King*.....Handbell Choir
arr. Kevin McChesney

† SCRIPTURE READING.....James 1:1-12.....Christi Oden

† 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.....Mitzi Nix

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Vicki Sullivan

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. 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.....*Choral Reflection on.....*Anna McCann, soprano
Amazing Grace Destry Martignetti, alto
 arr. Roger Ames Ensemble (8:30)
 Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY Traditional

*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.....FAITH THAT WORKS:.....Dr. Steven Bell
THE BLESSING OF TESTING

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“There’s Within My Heart a Melody” No. 144

(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.

† BENEDICTION Dr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle's Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Scherzo*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Alan Ridout



8:30: *Crucifer – Lila Holley-Lerchie • Acolyte – Evie Holley-Lerchie*
 11:00: *Banner Carrier – Asher Storer • Crucifer – Anna Claire Caudle*
Acolytes – Norah Crawford and Audrey Storer

† 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

FAITH THAT WORKS:
THE BLESSING OF TESTING
JAMES 1:1-12

The Testing of Faith Produces Endurance (James 1:1 to 4)

Trials Overwhelm Us Because We Lack Wisdom (James 1:5 to 8)

The One Who Stands Under the Weight of Trials Will Be Blessed (James 1:9 to 12)

Scripture Memory Verse
"Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance."
 — James 1:2