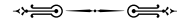


WELCOME

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

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Christ at Heart's Door—"Behold, I stand at the door and knock" Revelation 3:20
The fifth window on the right was planned by Lloyd Clanton, only son of T. C. Clanton, in honor of his father. Lloyd died shortly after the window's installation in 1950, and Mrs. Clanton asked that the window be regarded as a memorial to father and son. This beautiful stained glass rendition of Holman Hunt's "Christ Standing at Heart's Door" is a favorite of many members as Christ holds the lantern signifying the "Light of the World." The door must be opened from the inside (our hearts) as there is no latch or handle on the outside. The quote is completed: "If any man will hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me."

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: James Cox, Cara Smith

SYMPATHY is extended to Mary Citrano & family in the death of her grandson, Matthew Dunham and to Dr. Ryan Wicker & family in the death of his father, David L. Wicker.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Crawford, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Crawford, III, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Weir, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins Crawford.

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

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.11.20	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$77,579	\$155,158	\$3,011,169
Received	\$147,572	\$242,779	\$2,941,612
Over/(Under)	\$69,993	\$87,621	(\$69,557)

Year to Date - September 30, 2020 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$3,407	\$2,987	(\$420)
Cash Disbursements	\$3,713	\$3,227	\$486
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$306)	(\$240)	\$66

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

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

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

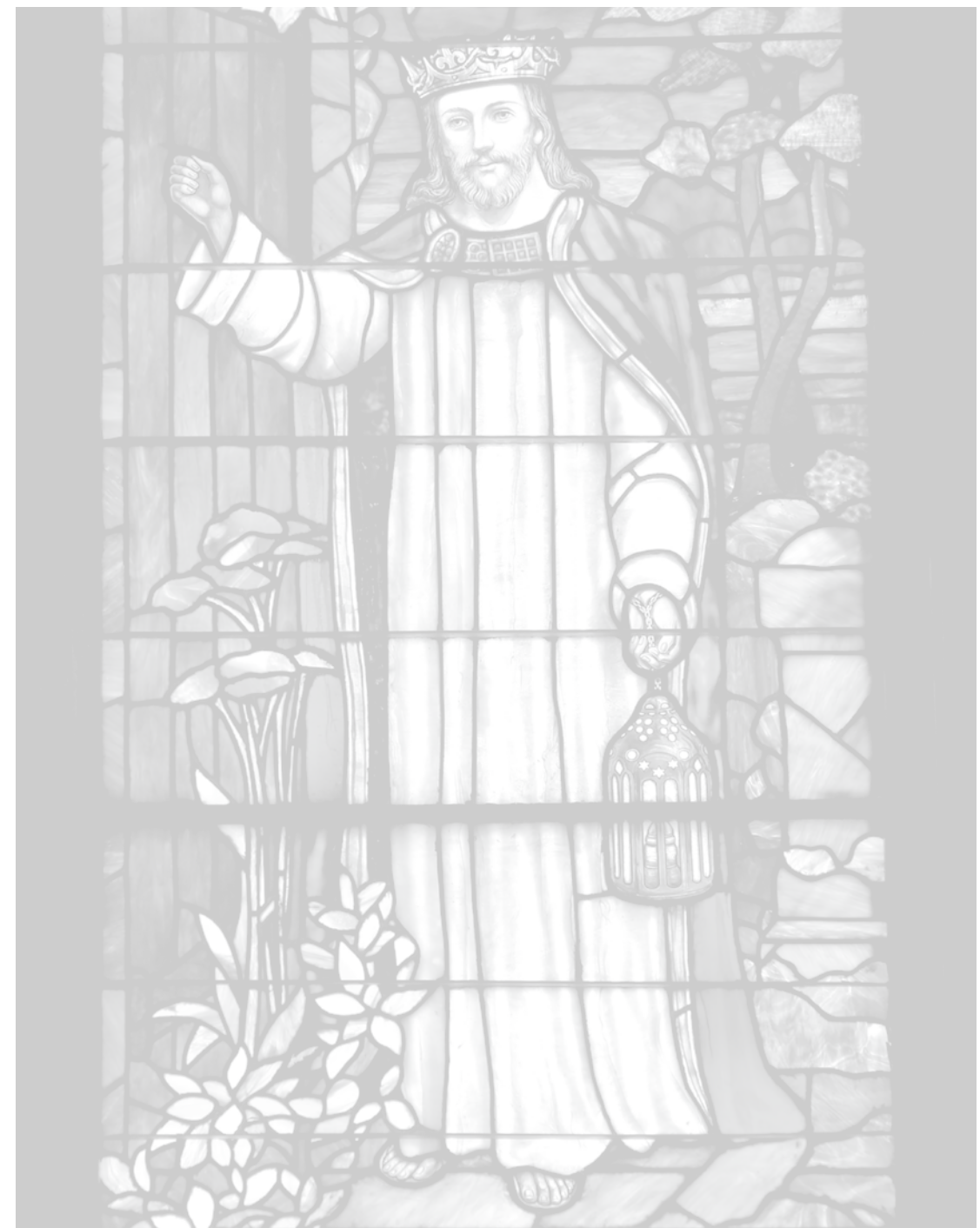
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 18, 2020 · TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - October 18, 2020

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

PRELUDE.....*Duo in C Major*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
Jean Sibelius Julia Clancy, viola

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. David Hobson

INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....*Praise We Sing to Thee*.....Men's Ensemble
Franz Joseph Haydn/
arr. Morten Luvaas

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”.....No. 67

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

BAPTISM.....Pierce Anthony LeBlanc.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Scott Anthony LeBlanc

Congregational Response: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Air” from *Suite in D*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
Johann Sebastian Bach Julia Clancy, viola
E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I Peter 5:5-11.....Debby Williams
See scripture reading on Text Page

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† GLORIA PATRI
*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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JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

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.....*Amen*..... Men's Ensemble
Philip Baker

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*.....Men's Ensemble
arr. Jack Schrader Robert Cruz, piano

† DoxologyNo. 94
*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!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 6:13-18.....Dr. Pat Day
See scripture reading on Text Page

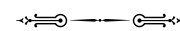
MESSAGE.....**THE ARMOR OF GOD**.....Dr. Pat Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....See text insert
*(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.)*

BENEDICTIONDr. Pat Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Shalom to You*.....Men's Ensemble
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue á la Gigue*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach



† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.

The next Church Council meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 18th at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Nominating Committee Report for 2021 and receive a Pastor's Report from Dr. Day. Look forward to seeing you there!

Sermon Notes

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:13-18

I. The first part of our equipment we are to put on is the **belt of truth.** (vs. 14)

II. The second part of our equipment we are to put on is the **breastplate of righteousness.** (vs. 14)

III. The third part of our equipment we are to put on is our **shoes.** (vs. 15)

IV. The fourth part of our equipment is our **shield** and **helmet.** (vs. 16,17a)

V. The final part of our equipment is the **sword of the Spirit.** (vs. 17b)

Hymn of Praise No. 67
“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light

Tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,

Songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

Hymns
October 18, 2020

Hymn of Invitation
“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;
Thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tow'r:
Raise thou me heavenward, great pow'r of my pow'r.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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

October 18, 2020

I Peter 5:5-11

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 6:13-18

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.