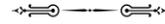


# WELCOME

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](http://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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Pat Teekell & family & Jan & Byrum Teekell in the death of her husband and their son, Scott Teekell; to Emily Cain & family in the death of her mother, Evelyn Friday; to the family & friends of Ruth McCook in her death and to Ann Shocklee & family in the death of her father-in-law, S. H. "Sandy" Shocklee.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God from the Altar Guild Fund.

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

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

### Vassar Mills

from the Friendship SS Class

### Dr. Don Brian

from the Friendship SS Class

Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson III

Charmy Vanderkuy

Mary Darby and Terri Durel

Shreveport Medical Society Alliance

Jimmy and Belinda Dubois

### Lena Earnest

from Debbie and Robbie Grand

George and Jean Baldwin

Mr. and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson III

Martha Storer

Betty Smith

Beth Hayes

Velda McCormick

Ronald Mears

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.18.20	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$77,579	\$232,737	\$3,088,748
Received	\$126,726	\$369,505	\$3,068,338
Over/(Under)	\$49,147	\$136,768	(\$20,410)



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

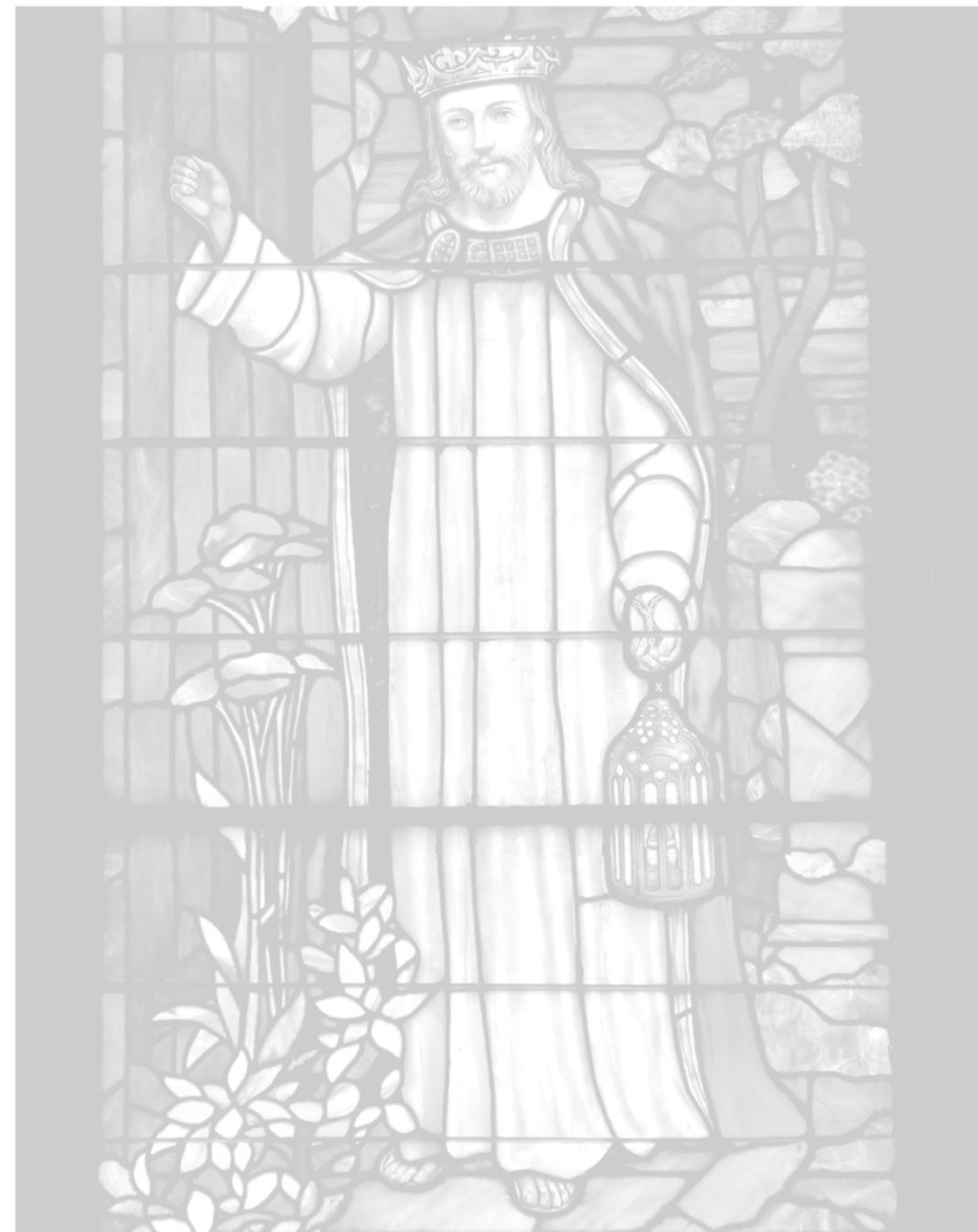
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 25, 2020 · TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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# Celebration of Worship

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost - October 25, 2020

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

PRELUDE.....*Agnus Dei*.....Greg Warren, tenor  
[Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us... Grant us peace.]  
Georges Bizet

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

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Thou Almighty King”.....No. 61

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Ye people, rend your hearts”.....Greg Warren, tenor  
and “If with all your hearts”  
from *Elijah*  
Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I John 5:1-5.....Dr. Ashley Goad  
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.....Bishop William Hutchinson

*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.....“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*.....Women's Ensemble  
Felix Mendelssohn

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Trouble*.....Women's Ensemble  
arr. Sally Albrecht

† Doxology .....No. 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.....Colossians 1:9-15.....Dr. Pat Day  
See scripture reading on Text Page

MESSAGE.....**THE PERSON YOU WERE MEANT TO BE**.....Dr. Pat Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”.....No. 438  
*(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 .....Bishop William Hutchinson

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

POSTLUDE.....*Fanfare*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
William Mathias



*Crucifer* – Graham Pearson; *Acolytes*: Lauren Hammond, Lauren Hunter

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

# Sermon Notes

THE PERSON YOU WERE MEANT TO BE

Colossians 1:9-15

I. First, you were meant to live a **planned** life.  
(vs.9)

II. Second, you were meant to live a **purpose driven** life. (vs. 10)

III. Third, you were meant to live a **productive** life. (vs. 10b)

IV. Fourth, you were meant to live a **power-filled** life. (vs. 11)

V. Finally, you were meant to live a life of **perseverance**. (vs. 11b)

**Hymn of Praise No. 61**  
**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend!  
Come, and thy people bless,  
And give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore!

Hymns  
October 25, 2020

**Hymn of Invitation No. 438**  
**“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works thy presence find,  
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
And labor on at thy command,  
And offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ  
What e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

**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 25, 2020

**I John 5:1-5**

**Faith in the Incarnate Son of God**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**Colossians 1:9-15**

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**The Supremacy of the Son of God**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.