

# 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.

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Women from the Hospitality Team gathered to prepare  
Christmas gifts for the children of J.S. Clark Elementary!



During the Christmas season, if you would like to have a  
poinsettia placed in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of  
family or friends, **please complete the form below or online**  
**at [firstshreveport.com/events](http://firstshreveport.com/events), and return to Anna Beth**  
**Crowson in the church office by Monday, December 8, 2025.**  
The cost is \$20 per plant. Checks should be made payable to  
First Methodist Church.

(Please Print)  
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
From: \_\_\_\_\_



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## JOYS & CONCERNS

**HOSPITAL:** Lounelle Black, Jack Easterwood, Hutton Montgomery, Delena Thomas

**RECOVERING:** James Chaney, John Pou, Ricky Stafford, Hardy Foreman

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Lee DuCote in the death of his dad, *Leo DuCote*; and to  
Janet Coughlin and Marla Basham in the death of their mother, *Frances Gilbert*.

**WE CELEBRATE** with Kristy Michelle Hunter on her baptism in a private ceremony  
this morning.

**THE WHITE POINSETTIAS UNDER THE CROSS** are given in loving memory of  
Mary Edna Adams Brossette and Dianne Rose McCollum Brossette by their families.

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

## NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER)

Martha and Bill Foy

Sybil Kelly

Deborah Kincannon

Stephen Logan

Leah Middlebrook

Laura Wood

*WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!*

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Weeks Ending 11.23 & 11.30	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$104,344	\$260,860	\$3,329,426
Received	\$120,406	\$316,770	\$3,464,484
Over/(Under)	\$16,062	\$55,910	\$135,058

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Traditional worship, 8:30 .....	161
Traditional worship, 11:00 .....	311
Faithlink worship .....	238
Palabra Viva Combined Services .....	198
On-line Viewers .....	27
<b>Total worship attendance: .....</b>	<b>935</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages .....	313
Weekly Discipleship Activities .....	493
TOTAL Discipleship .....	806



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. *A Stephen Minister*  
*will be to the left of the altar at the end of each service to listen and pray with you. If*  
*you are in need of a confidential Stephen Minister, call Ann Shocklee at 424-7771.*

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd • Associate Pastor: Rev. Emily Blair

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.

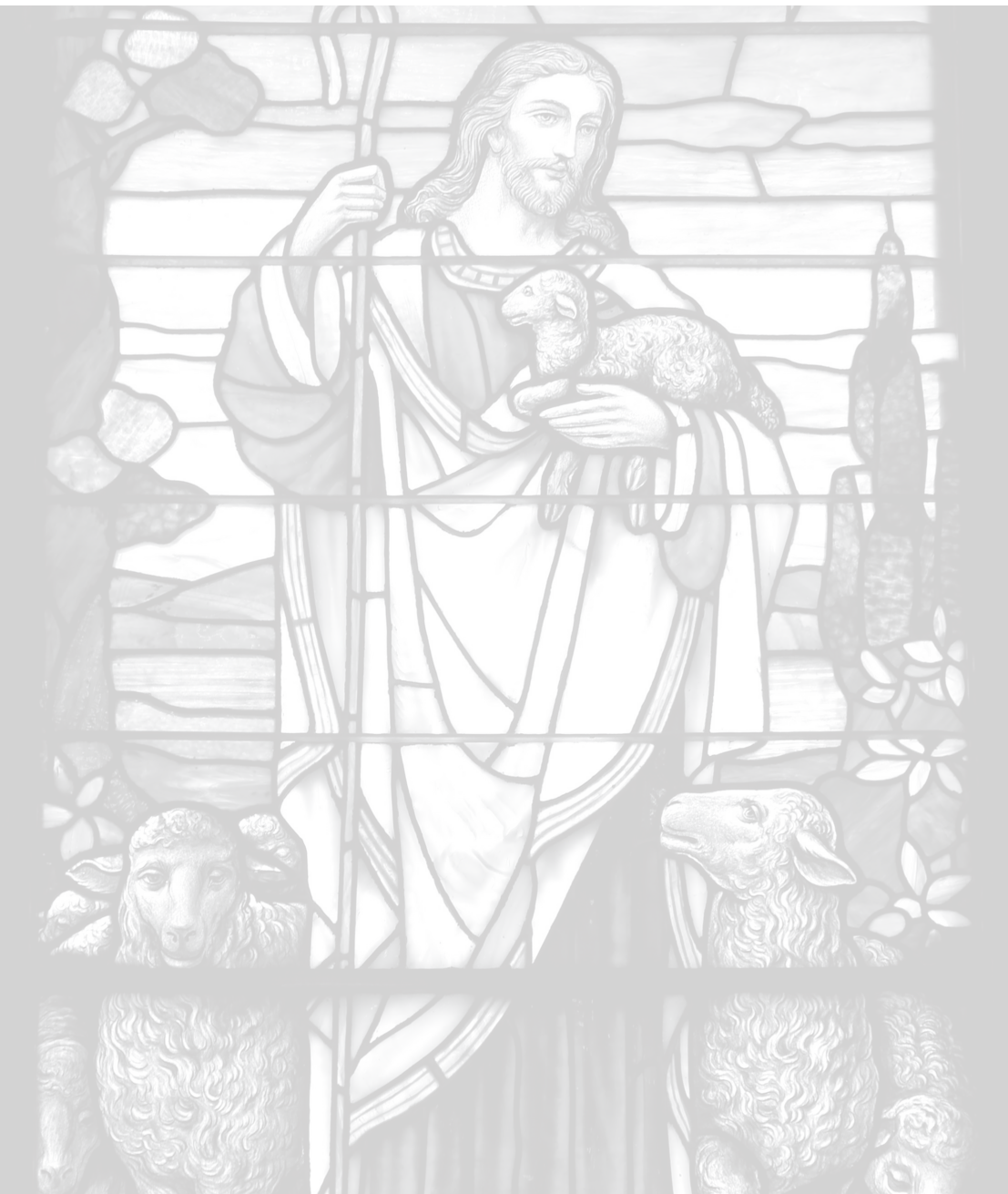
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## METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

DECEMBER 7, 2025 • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.  
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.  
WITNESS BOLDLY.

*Celebration of Worship*  
*Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025*  
 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

PRELUDE.....*Carol of the Bells*.....Handbell Choir  
Ukrainian Carol

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.....No. 162  
[Stanzas 1-2, 4, 6]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (8:30).....Wil and Marissa Adams  
Mary, and Lucy

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.....Handbell Choir  
[see No. 168 for text]  
arr. Beverly Simpson

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33

CHILDREN'S BLESSING.....Helen Palmer

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Congregation (speaks in unison)

PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 192, Stanza 4

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## Isaiah 7:14