

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

"'Twas the Very First Christmas" showed us the faith and
love of Jesus through our children's eyes. We were blessed
beyond measure with their ministry.



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: Dickie Erwin, Hutton Montgomery

SYMPATHY is extended to Martha Foy in the death of her husband,
William "Bill" T. Foy, Jr.

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.

MEMORIALS

David D. Anderson "Pop"

from The Anderson Family

Joe Sepulvado "Pappaw"

from The Anderson Family

Mary Bamburg's birthday

from Don M. Bamburg

James Cox

from Sally Cox, Jim, Kelly and Tracy

Joseph T. Sepulvado

from his family

Marian and Ben Skerrett

from Jean and Lonnie Fouts

Sarah and Roy Fouts

from Jean and Lonnie Fouts

Marian Hayes Jernigan, Ph.D.

from William Jernigan, Ph.D.

Mary Abbie Shuey and John M. Shuey

from John M. Shuey, Jr.

Bob F. Anderson

from his family

Dr. D.L. Dykes

from Dr. Scott Taylor

Leo Ducote

from Mr. and Mrs. W. Michael Adams

Pat and Gary Covington

HONORARIUMS

All our grandchildren

from John M. Shuey, Jr.

All of our grandparents

from John M. Shuey, Jr.

Our military personnel

from their grateful countrymen

VITAL SIGNS

*Due to 2025 year-end closing, Financial Vitals will be
available at a later date.*

*Please remember that in order to receive credit for 2025,
all gifts to the church must be dated and postmarked by
DECEMBER 31, 2025. Thank you.*

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

Traditional worship, 8:30	117
Combined 11:00 worship.....	721
Palabra Viva Combined Services	104
On-line Viewers	48
Total worship attendance:.....	990
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages.....	281
Weekly Discipleship Activities	329
TOTAL Discipleship	610



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: 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.

318.424.7771 office • **PRAYER LINE:** 318.429.6898 • www.firstshreveport.com

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METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

DECEMBER 28, 2025 • FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.
WITNESS BOLDLY.

First Sunday of Christmastide - December 28, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Emily Blair

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Angels from the Realms of Glory”No. 190

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

† SCRIPTURE READING.....John 4:27-30, 39-42..... Ezekiel Forsythe

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33

CHILDREN'S BLESSING.....Staci Zeagler

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

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!*

† DOXOLOGY..... VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

MESSAGE.....BROUGHT TO THE LIGHT:.....Dr. Steven Bell
ENCOUNTERING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Love Came Down at Christmas”.....No. 181

(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.)

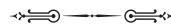
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Steven Bell

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.....*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*.....Dr. David Hobson
LIEBSTER JESU

POSTLUDE.....*O Tannenbaum*.....Dr. Alison Beck, piano
arr. Vince Guaraldi



11:00: Banner Carrier – Mollie Rice • Crucifer – Albany Lyles
Acolytes – Isabel Haggard and John Marshall Rice

† *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
- K5–3RD 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.

ENCOUNTERING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

The Importance of Encountering God's Love

The Necessity of Sharing God's Love

The Grace of Inviting Others into God's Love

Scripture Memory Verse

*"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad
the saying which was told them concerning this child."*
Luke 2:17