


WELCOME WELCOME members and guests! Attendance books are located at the end of each row. Please take a moment to share your contact information with us. We are glad you selected this church as your place of worship today and hope you will come again. Please stop by one of our information centers to learn more about our church.

WORSHIP TRADITIONAL 8:30AM & 11AM
CONTEMPORARY 9AM & 11AM
FOUNDRY CAMPUS 9AM

NURSERY For infants & toddlers through age 4. Rooms 36 & 38.

COMMUNICATIONS Sign up for our newsletter & other communications! Email us at info@firstmethodistmonroe.com or call the church office 318-325-7335.

GIVE  Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383, go to FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE, or Scan the QR code

WEB Sundays at **9AM & 11AM**
firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch
Facebook: @methodistmonroe
YouTube: @firstmethodistmonroe

TV Sundays **11AM**
The CW & ABC KAQY
(when not preempted by special programming)

RADIO Sundays **8:30AM**
KMLB 540AM

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



HUNT NEELY ORGANIST

- Celebrating his 40th Anniversary at FIRST METHODIST MONROE!
- Born in Warren, AR & grew up in Farmerville, LA
- Graduated from ULM (NLU)
- CPA for 30+ years
- 2 daughters, Morgan & Lindsay and 17 foreign exchange "sons" from all over the world!!
- Favorite Candy: Payday!
- Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 100

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

VBS 2026
JULY 13-17
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
Cokesbury Kids
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

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Pre-Camp Entering 2nd-4th grade JUNE 12-14	Elementary Entering 4th-6th grade JUNE 15-19
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2026 ONE WAY CAMP

JUNE 8-12 (Completed Grades 6th & 7th)	JUNE 15-19 (Completed Grades 8th - 12th)
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Email Mackenzie@firstmethodistmonroe.com for more info!

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EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN!



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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

(Text "HERE" to 318-217-8383)

PRELUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

THE GREETING
Christ the Lord is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN #302** _____ *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** _____ Marcy Hall
The Apostles' Creed

***GLORIA PATRI**
All are invited to pray at the altar.
Please come down during the Gloria Patri.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
(Text "PRAY" to 318-217-8383)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
(Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383)

THE OFFERTORY _____ arr. Larson
Canticle of Faithfulness
The Chancel Choir
Brass Ensemble

***THE DOXOLOGY**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING _____ John 20:1-18

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer
WALKING IN THE GARDEN
The Resurrection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD _____ Handel
Hallelujah
The Chancel Choir
Brass Ensemble

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT
(Text "JOIN" to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #303** _____ *The Day of Resurrection*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

*Those who are able please stand

BRASS ENSEMBLE
TRUMPETS: Alex Heikkila, Kris Balint, & Amie Johnson
TROMBONES: Brock Griffin & Cody Vanantwerpen
TUBA: Don Johnson TIMPANI: Dan Robertson

ROSEBUDS
The rosebuds on the altar today are in celebration of the births of:

Shepherd Gray McClain, born March 28, 2026.
He is the son of Nathan and Anna Grace McClain.

Gray Edward Aulds, born March 27, 2026.
He is the son of Tyler and Holly Aulds.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

If you have trouble hearing the service in the sanctuary and would like to use one of our hearing aids please see a greeter/usher at the information center right outside the sanctuary.

CRADLE CARE MINISTRY

Our mission is to support expectant mothers and new families with spiritual, emotional, and practical care—while fostering love, encouragement, and connection within the FMM church community. If you'd like to serve as a mentor or volunteer, please contact Shelley Mercer 318-548-4536.

TODAY

40TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN HONOR OF HUNT NEELY
TODAY | 9:45 AM | CHOIR ROOM - Join us as we celebrate 40 years of faithful service from our organist, Hunt Neely! We are grateful for the music and dedication he has shared with our church over the years.

THIS WEEK

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS - The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 6.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - APRIL 8 | Supper at 5:00 PM | Studies at 6:00 PM
Menu: Hamburgers {Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 children (ages 3-10) \$24 family max}
Stay in the loop! Sign up for Wednesday Night Supper texts to see the menu and make reservations. Text "MEAL" to 318-217-8383. Our last Wed. Night will be April 29 until the fall.

THIS MONTH

NEW SERMON SERIES: JESUS THE GREATER - BEGINS APRIL 12
Come discover how Jesus is greater than our struggles, fears, & circumstances.

WORSHIP ON THE BAYOU RETURNS APRIL 12!
Sundays | 7:00 AM | April - October

GUATEMALA TRIP PLATE LUNCH FUNDRAISER - \$15 EACH
April 11: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM | April 12: Following each service
Support our Guatemala mission team by purchasing a delicious plate lunch!

GUATEMALA



FUNDRAISER

DO YOU HAVE A 2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE?
If you would like your graduate to be part of our Senior Recognition Sunday on May 3, please email your high school graduate's full name, high school, future plans, & a photo to Mackenzie Miller (Mackenzie@firstmethodistmonroe.com) Please submit this information no later than April 26.

SAVE THE DATE

RISE STOCK SALE FUNDRAISER - Sunday, May 3
Be part of what God is doing! Invest in our youth and help support their summer camps and outreach projects!

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - August 24-26 | 10:30 AM -1:00 PM
Join Pastor Brian Mercer and Pastor John O'Leary for the BEE-ATTITUDES! Sing favorite hymns, support a mission project, enjoy a delicious lunch, and fellowship with others!

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Sunday, October 4