

**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.

**KIDS** Kid's Church (Pre-K4 -2nd grade) at **9AM & 11AM** worship services following the offering, held in Room 30. **\*\*Kids must be potty trained to participate in Kid's Church.**

**COMMUNICATIONS** Sign up for our newsletter & other communications! Email us at [info@firstmethodistmonroe.com](mailto:info@firstmethodistmonroe.com) or call the church office 318-325-7335.

**GIVE**  Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383, go to [FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE](http://FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE), or Scan the QR code

**WEB** Sundays at **9AM & 11AM**  
[firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch](http://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



**SUNDAY MARCH 15**  
AT NOON IN THE GARDEN ROOM  
Make your reservation  
**Text "LUNCH" to 318-217-8383**

Enjoy a delicious meal and warm fellowship as you connect with others who are new to our faith family. We can't wait to welcome you! Contact Emily Martin to RSVP. [Emily@firstmethodistmonroe.com](mailto:Emily@firstmethodistmonroe.com)



## PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

Children's Palm Processional at all services

Please bring your kids to the back of the sanctuary 15 minutes before the service begins.

## EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT NOON

In Gloria Garden

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2 AT 7PM

In the Sanctuary

## GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 at 5-6:30pm (come & go)

In the Fellowship Hall

## EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

SUNRISE SERVICE ON THE BAYOU 6:30am

CONTEMPORARY 9am & 11am

TRADITIONAL 8:30am & 11am

FOUNDRY 9am

Childcare provided for babies & toddlers thru age 4 at all Easter services!



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**WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS**

A TIME FOR DEPENDENCE



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## THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

8:30am & 11:00am

**PRELUDE** \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, organist

**THE GREETING** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. John O'Leary

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

**\*HYMN #110** \_\_\_\_\_ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Kem Alexander

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**

**\*HYMN #368** \_\_\_\_\_ *My Hope Is Built*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**(Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383)**

**THE OFFERTORY** \_\_\_\_\_ arr. Hall

*When I Survey*

Delora Walker, Morgan Hall, Gray Hall, Chandler Garrett,  
Natalie Tellifero, Bass; Madison DeCou, Percussion;  
Joey Gardunio, Keyboard; Marcy Hall, Harp

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

After the Children's Message all Pre-K4 - 2nd graders  
are invited to Kid's Church, in Room 30,  
during the 9am & 11am services.

**SCRIPTURE READING** \_\_\_\_\_ Mark 1:12-15

Hebrews 4:14-16

**THE ANTHEM** \_\_\_\_\_ Hayes

*Holy Is the Lord*  
The Chancel Choir

**THE MESSAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

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A Time For Dependence

**INVITATION TO COMMITMENT**

**(Text "JOIN" to 318-217-8383)**

**\*HYMN #512** \_\_\_\_\_ *Stand By Me*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, organist

\*Those who are able please stand

## THIS WEEK

### EASTER EGG HUNT - DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need Easter egg candy and non-edible egg fillers for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt (please no chocolate, nuts, or peanut butter). Drop-off locations are at the main church entrances. Our Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 29 at NOON, with lunch and activities for all ages. If you'd like to donate items or help with this event in any way, please text 318-217-8383.

### EASTER LILIES ON SALE!

Purchase an Easter lily in someone's memory or honor, or donate to Easter Beauty! Order forms are available in the main hall or go to our website [firstmethodistmonroe.com](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com) to order online.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Supper at 5:00 PM | Studies at 6:00 PM

**Menu: Country Fried Steak** {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. For more information about our bible studies go to [firstmethodistmonroe.com](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com).

### CHARIS MEN'S RETREAT

March 12-14 | Camp Caney | Minden, LA

This Retreat is a weekend set apart to worship, pray, share meals, and build meaningful fellowship with other Christian men. It will renew your spirit and re-energize your walk with God through rest, reflection, and connection. Registration is open! Go to [firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats)

## THIS MONTH

**PRISON MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING - Sunday, March 15 | 10:10 AM | Parlor**

Join us for an interest meeting about our new Prison Ministry. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more about this outreach opportunity, we would love for you to attend. For more information, please contact Ted Hopkins at 318-355-1355.

**HOLLAND & BELGIUM SPRINGTIME RIVER CRUISE**

SLIDE PRESENTATION | Monday, March 16 | 5:30 PM | Room 6

For members, family, and friends interested in joining us on this faith-based church tour April 20-28, 2027.

**YOGA ON THE BAYOU - WOMEN'S EVENT**

Saturday, March 28 | 9:00 AM | Led by Jennifer Shamblin

**HOPE ANCHORED** will be here on Palm Sunday, March 29, selling Easter goodies to help support their mission of offering comfort and support to men and women facing critical illnesses.

## SAVE THE DATE

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - April 26**

**YOUTH SUNDAY - May 3**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** (Entering PreK 4 - 5th graders) July 13-17

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Sunday, October 4**