

**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



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**LINDA CRAWFORD**  
Director of After School Care

- From Shreveport, LA
- Graduated from ULM
- Church member for 36 years
- Staff member since 2020
- Married to Danny Crawford
- 2 daughters & 4 grandchildren
- Favorite Candy: Hot Tamales
- Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*



**EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AT NOON  
Join us in Gloria Garden for lunch and activities for **ALL AGES.**

**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

**EasterLilies** 

Purchase an Easter Lily in someone's memory or honor, or donate to Easter Beauty!

Order forms are available in the main hall, or scan the QR code.

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**PALM SUNDAY**

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## PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

8:30am & 11:00am

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

## THE GREETING

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

**\*HYMN #280** \_\_\_\_\_ *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**\*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 #277** \_\_\_\_\_ *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

**THE OFFERTORY** \_\_\_\_\_ Bicentennial Spotlight

## \*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;  
2 Corinthians 5:14-19

**THE ANTHEM** \_\_\_\_\_ Forrest  
*Hosanna to the King*  
The Chancel Choir

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

## WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS

A Time For New Beginnings

## INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

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

**\*HYMN #383** \_\_\_\_\_ *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

## \*BENEDICTION

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

\*Those who are able please stand

## TODAY

### TAKE A LITTLE JESUS WITH YOU TODAY!

Our After School Kids have made a special treat for you. Please take an Easter egg as you leave worship today. To learn more about our after school program contact Linda Crawford LindaC@firstmethodistmonroe.com.



### HOPE ANCHORED

Today, you can support Hope Anchored's mission of bringing comfort and support to men and women facing critical illness by purchasing Easter goodies. Visit their tables set up in the main hall!

### EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH - TODAY | NOON

Join us in Gloria Garden for lunch and activities for all ages.

## THIS WEEK

### 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.

### NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Please note that there will be no Wednesday night supper or studies this week. We look forward to gathering again on April 8!

## NEXT MONTH

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** - The church office will be closed April 3 & April 6.

### WORSHIP ON THE BAYOU RETURNS APRIL 12!

Sundays | 7:00 AM | April - October | Weather permitting

### 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! Go to [FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM](http://FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM) to order.

### 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](mailto:Mackenzie@firstmethodistmonroe.com)) Please submit this information no later than April 26.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** - Sunday, April 26 | All Worship Services

## 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!

### CAMP CANEY

Pre-Camp (Grades 2-4) June 12-14  
Elementary Camp (Grades 4-6) June 15-19

**ONE WAY CAMP** - Jr. High: June 8-12 | High School: June 15-19

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

**ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - August 24-26

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** - Sunday, October 4