


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
BAYOU 7AM FOUNDRY 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 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



JOEY GARDUNIO
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST

- From West Monroe
- Graduated from WMHS in 2015 & ULM Business School in 2021
- Staff member since 2017
- Married to Hannah Gardunio
- Favorite Snack: Chex Mix
- Favorite Verse: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

VBS 2026
JULY 13-17
For kids entering PreK 4 - 5th grade
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
Cokesbury Kids
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

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Pre-Camp Entering 2nd-4th grade JUNE 26-28	Elementary Entering 4th-6th grade JUNE 15-19
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2026 **ONE WAY CAMP**

 7-9 7th-9th Grade	JUNE 8-12
JUNE 15-19 9th -12th Grade	 9-12

Can't wait for our summer adventures!

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THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

PRELUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

THE GREETING

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

***HYMN #577** _____ *God of Grace and God of Glory*

***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

***HYMN #368** _____ *My Hope Is Built*

RECEPTION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

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 _____ Hebrews 7:17-28

THE ANTHEM _____ arr. Hebble
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

JESUS THE GREATER High Priest

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

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

***HYMN #159** _____ *Lift High the Cross*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

*Those who are able please stand

CONGRATS TO OUR 2026 CONFIRMANDS!

Reese Breen, Kaylee Campbell, Braxton Dove, Zoe Hinton, Blake Mercer, Connor Reitzell, Jackson Riels, Roderick Starr, Melodi Waldrup

AFTER SCHOOL CARE IS GROWING!

We are excited to expand our program to now include PreK4-6th grade and offer pickup from Sallie Humble and Lexington. Register by June 1 for a chance to win an Amazon Fire Tablet! For more information or to register go to firstmethodistmonroe.com/afterschool.

OUR CHILDCARE CENTER IS HIRING!

OPEN POSITIONS: Afternoon Supervisor & Summer Camp Workers. We are looking for people who are dependable, caring, and experienced in working with children. To apply call 318-325-7426 or go to firstmethodistmonroe.com

THIS MONTH

WED. NIGHT - APRIL 29 | Supper 5PM | Studies 6PM | **Menu: Fried Chicken**
This will be our last Wed. Night until the fall.

WORSHIP ON THE BAYOU - Sundays | 7:00 AM | April - October

LAST CALL FOR 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) Deadline to submit information is TODAY.

NEXT MONTH

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!

50+ LUNCH AND LEARN

Saturday, May 9 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Tower Place, 1500 N. 19th
"Bouquet of Tables" Ladies Luncheon with Cheri Dupree, founder of Abiding in the Vine Ministries, as the keynote speaker. Please scan the QR code on the church office bulletin board flyer to register as seating is limited.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM SPRINGTIME CHURCH RIVER CRUISE

April 20-28, 2027 | Deadline to guarantee price & cabin - May 15
For more info or to register visit: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1329277>

NEXT STEPS - Sunday, May 17 | 10:10 AM | Parlor

Are you looking for ways to take a next step here at First Methodist Monroe? Plan to attend our Next Steps Class!

SAVE THE DATE

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - Saturday, June 27 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

We are looking for men and women who are ready to grow in their faith. Join us as we learn simple yet essential steps every Christian should know to engage new people, share their faith story, and disciple new believers. Admission is free, and lunch will be provided. See Pastor Craig for more information, and scan the QR code below to register.



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