

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: @firstmethodistmonroe
YouTube: @firstmethodistmonroe

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

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

CODY LOCKEY

Foundry Worship Leader

- Born in Rayville, LA, Lives in Monroe
- Joined church staff in 2017
- Graduated from Riverfield Academy in 2004
- 2 daughters, Emma-20 (LSU), and Anna-7
- Favorite Snacks: Sour Punch Straws & Samoas Girl Scout Cookies
- Favorite Hobby: Pickleball
- Favorite Verse: Psalm 77:11-20



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

I WILL REMEMBER THE DEEDS OF THE LORD

LIFE GROUPS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS firstmethodistmonroe

SCAN ME! CONNECT WITH YOUR LIFE GROUP!

STARTING SEPT. 9
SUPPER 5PM | STUDIES 6PM

LIFE GROUPS FORMING FOR "FREE IN CHRIST" - Starting Sept. 9, we're launching a 10-week study through Galatians called Free in Christ, and we're forming groups to fit right where you are in life. Here's what we're hoping to offer:

- Mixed groups for anyone who wants a blended, come-as-you-are group
- Young marrieds, no kids yet
- Married couples with toddlers to elementary-age kids
- Married couples new to parenting
- Married couples with teens
- Married couples who are empty nesters
- Moms with littles
- Women, 30s-50s
- Men, 30s-50s
- Groups for those 60 and up

If one of these sounds like your season of life, sign up. Don't see your exact fit? Sign up anyway. Want to start your own group? Let us know, we'd love to help you get one going. Sign-ups are open now, and you'll be able to talk with group leaders on Sunday, September 6. We aren't assigning you to a group. **You choose. Just one thing we ask: sign up!**

ALSO AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS...

GRIEF SHARE - Led by Wanda Ramsey & Annette Harrison
• Prayer Room | Begins at 5:30 PM | 16 weeks

GriefShare is a support group designed to bring understanding, healing, and community. Find compassionate care and practical advice through guided sessions.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
• Bride's Room | 5 weeks

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be both rewarding and challenging, but you don't have to do it alone. Connect with others who understand, share experiences, receive practical support, and find hope through faith and community.

Sign up for Wednesday Night Supper texts!
Find out what's on the menu and make reservations.

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Worship
MATTERS



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THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Mr. Hunt Neely, Organist

THE GREETING _____ Rev. John O’Leary

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #98** _____ *To God Be the Glory*

***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 #374** _____ *Standing on the Promises*

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 _____ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18;
Hebrews 9:1-14

THE ANTHEM _____ Courtney

In My Father’s House
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

WORSHIP MATTERS
Prayer & Symbols of the Sanctuary

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

(Text “JOIN” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #378** _____ *Amazing Grace*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

The rosebud on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of **Gwendolyn Rose Meredith**, born August 23, 2026. She is the daughter of Jessica and Steven Meredith, and the little sister of big brother Jackson and big sister Ellie. She is the granddaughter of Kim and Pete Williamson and the great-granddaughter of Charlene McCuiston.



J-FORCE - CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY
Wednesday, September 9 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | 1st-5th grade
School pickup is available for Lexington and Sallie Humble. Register at firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE

THIS WEEK

RISE YOUTH - All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for RISE Youth on Sundays and Wednesdays from 5-7 PM. We’ll share dinner, enjoy fun games and competition, and grow together through small groups and worship. For more info contact our Youth Pastor Emery Johnson - Emery@firstmethodistmonroe.com

STILLWATER YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1 - Stillwater is a new weekly gathering for college students and young adults to slow down, build real community, and grow in faith together. Join us Tuesday nights beginning September 1 for space to breathe, connect, pray, and be reminded that you do not have to follow Jesus alone. For more information, text our Young Adult Pastor Nathan McClain at 318-348-6494.

NEXT MONTH

SLIDE PRESENTATION - Tuesday, September 15 | 5:30 PM | Room 6
“Majestic Cities of Central & Eastern Europe,” including Vienna, Prague, Budapest, & Krakow.

MOMS IN PRAYER: BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT
Saturday, September 26 | 10:00 AM - Noon | Fellowship Hall
ALL MOMS ARE INVITED to come pray together as we begin a new school year. Join us as we lift up our children, their schools, teachers, administrators, and all who serve them.

SAVE THE DATE

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S - Saturday, November 7 | 9:00 AM | ULM Grove
Join our First Methodist Monroe team for a one-mile walk in support of those experiencing dementia! See Nannette Flowers for a registration form.