

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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



FISH & LOAVES MEAL MINISTRY

Know someone who would be blessed by a warm meal?
We have meals ready to share! Let us know about someone who is homebound or could use a meal.

Want to help? Whether you enjoy cooking or would like to deliver meals, we'd love to have you on the team!

To request a meal or to volunteer, contact Emily Martin at Emily@firstmethodistmonroe.com or 318-537-0906.



Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25

4PM FUN & GAMES

CHILI COOK-OFF 5PM

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

 **SCAN THE QR CODE**

Sign-up to enter into our chili cook-off or to lend a helping hand with the Fall Festival fun! For more info email Jackie Kitchingham Jackie@firstmethodistmonroe.com
Candy donation boxes are located at the main entrances.



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THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Mr. Joey Gardunio, Associate Organist

THE GREETING _____ Rev. John O’Leary

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #127** _____ *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

***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 #432** _____ *Jesu, Jesu*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Text “GIVE” to 318-217-8383)

THE OFFERTORY _____ Gardunio
improvisation on HYMN TUNE BEACH SPRING

***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 _____ Matthew 25:31-46

THE ANTHEM _____ Helvey
Arms Opened Wide
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

Living and Leaving Our Legacy
“Serving our Community”

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

(Text “JOIN” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #593** _____ *Here I Am, Lord*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

TODAY

ROSEBUD

The rosebud on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of **Noelle Lynn Zepeda**, born on October 1, 2026. She is the daughter of Caitlin and Kalum Zepeda and a baby sister to Vivienne and Nathaniel.

RISE YOUTH - Today | 5-7 PM | 6th-12th grade

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

BICENTENNIAL MERCH ON SALE!

Find all available items in the main hall. Pay with cash, check, or online by scanning the QR code at the merch station. Items include our church history book, adult and youth T-shirts, ornaments, note pads, and free decals.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - No activities this Wednesday, October 14, during Fall Break. See you next week!

STILLWATER YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Stillwater is a weekly gathering for college students and young adults to slow down, build real community, and grow in faith together. Join us Tuesday nights 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.

THIS MONTH

FOUNDRY TRUNK N’ TREAT - Sunday, October 18 | 5PM | Foundry Campus

If you would like to participate with a decorated trunk, please contact Blake Marchbank at blake@firstmethodistmonroe.com.

50+ ADULT LUNCH AND LISTEN “BROWN BAG CONCERT”

Wednesday, October 21 | Noon | Palace Park, 220 DeSiard St.

Bring a brown bag lunch or treat yourself to a \$6 box lunch with tea on site from Newk’s Eatery. (Rain venue is inside the Palace Annex)

FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOKOFF

Sunday, October 25 | 4:00 PM Fun & Games | 5:00 PM Chili Cookoff

To participate in the Chili Cook-Off, host a game, and more, contact Jackie Kitchingham. Candy donation boxes are located at the main entrances. Jackie@firstmethodistmonroe.com

“MAJESTIC CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE,” - June 5-18, 2027

A small exploration tour to Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Berlin, and Krakow. **October 30 is the deadline** to guarantee seating and pricing for this journey of a lifetime! For more information, contact Nannette Flowers.

SAVE THE DATE

NEWCOMER LUNCH - Sunday, November 1 | Noon | Garden Room

If you are new to First Methodist Monroe and would like to meet some other new folks we would love for you to join us.

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.

DAY OF THANKS - Sunday, November 8 | All Worship Services

We will be collecting nonperishable food items for NELA Senior Adults. Donations will benefit the Council on Aging and the West Ouachita Senior Center, helping provide meals and support for seniors in our community.

A DICKENS CHRISTMAS -“A Christmas Carol”

Friday and Saturday, December 11-12 | Natchez

Seating is limited and on a first payment basis. RSVP to Nannette Flowers with a \$340 check made to FMM which includes transportation, admissions & performances in the six historic homes, brunch, lunch, concert, and hotel room (double occupancy) and put the name of your roommate in the memo.