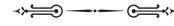


WELCOME

We are glad you're here. Please sign our register to let us know that you're visiting, so our members can make you feel at home.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY! If you have any questions about Sunday morning activities & Worship or you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- ♦ Ask one of our wonderful ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They'd be glad to help!
- ♦ Call the church office at 318.424.7771. We're open 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30am - 4:00pm on Friday.
- ♦ Visit www.firstshreveport.org/getconnected

WANT A TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?

Starting Point tours happen the second Sunday of each month at 9:45am beginning in the Welcome Center located in the Education & Administration Building. Whether you're joining us for the first time or have been considering making this your church home, join us as we explore our church campus.

READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon. Contact our New Member Pastor, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org for more information.

You may join the church today by profession of faith, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. To join, simply come to the front of the church and meet the pastors during the singing of the last hymn.

NEXT STEPS:

- ♦ Join a small group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- ♦ Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit www.firstserves.org or email Ashley Goad (Global) at agoad@fumcshreveport.org or Michelle Osborn (Local) at mosborn@fumcshreveport.org.

FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Grab a copy of the *First Weekly* or *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit firstshreveport.org.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

The Welcoming Christ—"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" John 14:6
The fourth window on the left is a memorial to the Fullilove family. This is one of two windows reserved for families whose members have long records of service to First Methodist dating from the 1800's. The stained glass window's center panel depicts Christ with outstretched arms proclaiming, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," words taken from his discourse with his disciples following the Last Supper. So, through the 40 days of Lent He welcomes and encourages us to follow.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Patricia Lonneckner, Rose Mary Kennedy

DISCHARGED: Pat Craig

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Janet Walden Martin and David Rand Martin from Dr. J.R. Martin.

THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, at home & abroad.

MEMORIALS

Robert "Bobby" Lindsey

From Rose Mary and Bob Kennedy

Connie Jane Traylor Drake

From Mary Wark

John Charles Nolan

From Mr. and Mrs. William Golden

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS CONTINUED

From Mary Sawyer & family

For Jerry Sawyer

From The Sepulvado family

For Corene "Grammy" Sneed

Joe "Pappaw" Sepulvado

William J. "Papa" Sneed

From Steve, Cathey & Jeffrey Sholar & Ashley & Jay Dauenhauer

For Ben N. Craton, Jr.

Tressie Craton

From Ann & Erin

For Marilyn Shocklee, Angela Shocklee and Ted Shocklee

Dr. & Mrs. T. F. Bryson

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL

From Cathey and Steve Sholar, Jeffrey Sholar, and Ashley and Jay Dauenhauer

From Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Smith

For Brevard Knight

Edward "Jake" Smith, Mary Jacobs Smith, Douglas Y. Smith, Jr., Douglas Y. Smith, III

From Gaines M. Smith

For E. Wayne Smith, Mai McKinney

From James & Rhonda Souter

For Sid Rhodes

From Tony Taglavore

For Lou Richardson Taglavore

From Bub Van Hoose

For Mr. & Mrs. Williams F. Bozeman

Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Van Hoose, Jr.

Billie Vic Van Hoose

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	585
Traditional worship (11:00)	1163
FaithLink worship	350
Good Friday	110
Total worship attendance	2206
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	514

Year to Date - March 31, 2018 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$1,113	\$1,082	(\$31)
Cash Disbursements	\$1,246	\$1,190	\$56
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$133)	(\$108)	\$25

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 04.01.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,414	\$71,414	\$1,041,714
Received	\$97,630	\$97,630	\$1,032,544
Over/(Under)	\$26,216	\$26,216	(\$9,170)



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. *If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce • Associate Pastor: Rev. Caroline Wilkinson
 Associate Pastor, Global Missions & Women's Ministry: Dr. Ashley Goad • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads
 Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles
 Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson

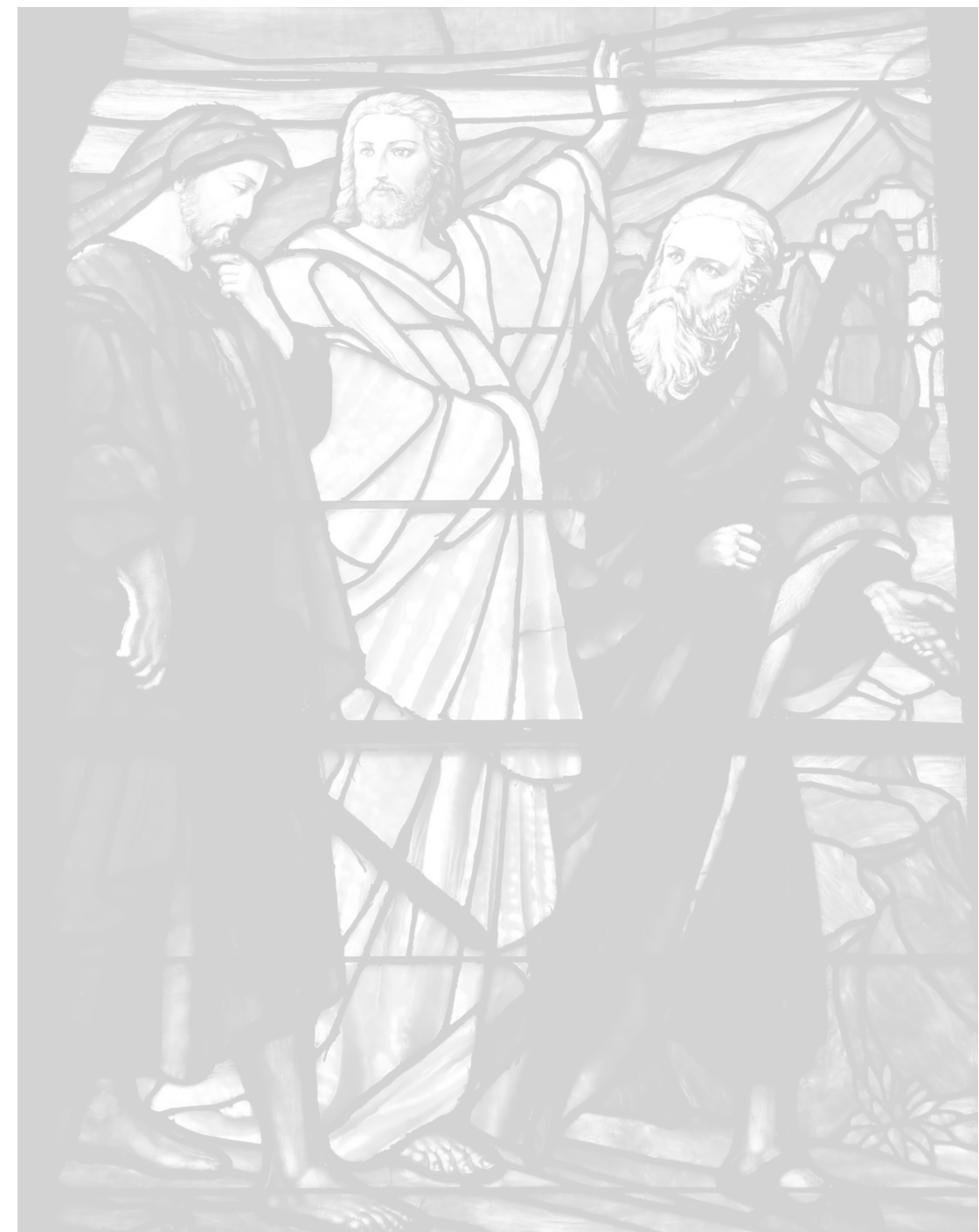
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
 FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
 WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

APRIL 8, 2018 • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter - April 8, 2018

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

PRELUDE..... *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*..... Laura Crawford, violin
 arr. Larter
 Cara Lamb, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT..... *Crown Him with Many Crowns*..... Ensemble (8:30)
 arr. Dave Williamson
 Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION..... Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Thine Be the Glory”..... No. 308

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... No. 881..... Dr. Goad

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00)..... No. 45-49 Reception of Confirmation Class
 Dr. Day & Rev. Joyce

MUSICAL OFFERING..... *Arise, My Soul, Arise*..... Laura Crawford, violin
 Charles Wesley/Dan Forrest
 Ensemble (8:30)
 Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING..... Acts 9:1-9..... Dr. Goad
 New Testament, Page 154 in your Pew Bible

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 † GLORIA PATRI
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.*

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 **CHILDREN’S BLESSING Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop Bill Hutchinson

THE LORD’S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.
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† HYMN OF PREPARATION..... “In the Garden”..... No. 314

† OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING..... *Easter Meditation*..... Cara Lamb, piano
 Paul Halley
 E. Ray Peebles, organ

† DOXOLOGY No. 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING..... Luke 24:10-32..... Dr. Day
 New Testament, Page 109 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE..... **CHRIST ON EVERY ROAD**..... Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION..... “He Lives”..... No. 310
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS..... Dr. Rhoads
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

BENEDICTION Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH..... *God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again*..... Ensemble(8:30)
 arr. Dale Wood
 Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE..... *Paeon: A Song of Resurrection Triumph (Fanfare)*..... E. Ray Peebles, organ
 Oliphant Chuckerbutty

Acolytes: Layton Clark (8:30), Sophie Lee, Madalyn Byrd (11:00)
Crucifer: Rowan Miller (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand. † Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

♦ COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.

— 2018 Confirmation Class —

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| Ann Estelle Anderson | Victoria Anne Patten |
| Robert Paul Bowman, Jr. | Pierson Christopher-Carson Phillips |
| Nathaniel Frederick Brown | Isabelle Grace Russell |
| Julia Claire Hancock | Olivia Claire Russell |
| Merritt Elizabeth Hughes | Kaitlyn Rose Stage |
| Eleanor Kate Lawrence | Anna Camille Toms |
| Alexandra Angel Martinez | William Wyatt Watkins |
| Alayna Marie Millican | William Fields Whitman |

Sermon Notes

CHRIST ON EVERY ROAD

Luke 24:10-32

I. First, there is the Damascus Road - the road of new life.

II. Second, there is the Jericho Road - the road of service.

III. Third, there is the Calvary Road - the road of suffering.

IV. Fourth, there is the Broken Road - the road of restoration.

V. Finally, there is the Emmaus Road - the road of fellowship.