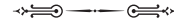


# WELCOME

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org) or call the church office for more info.
- ♦ Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit [www.firstserves.org](http://www.firstserves.org) or email Ashley Goad (Global) at [agoad@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:agoad@fumcshreveport.org) or Michelle Osborn (Local) at [mosborn@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://firstshreveport.org).

## Our Heritage in Stained Glass

The third window on the left, directly opposite of the beautiful Easter window, depicts Christ on the Road to Emmaus walking with two companions after His Resurrection. This journey when Christ was not recognized until they reached the village and were at supper is found in Luke 24. The window was installed in memory of Gus Palmer, a steward of this church. "Mr. Gus," a successful cotton broker and a beloved member of First Church takes us Easter People to Pentecost.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**HOSPITALIZED:** Dorothy Dornier, Larry O'Dell

**DISCHARGED:** Ken Hayes

**SYMPATHY** is extended to the family & friends of June Miller in her death.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Beth Padgett and Jake Valois.

**THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR** honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

## MEMORIALS

**Betty Wilmarth**  
from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knicely  
**Marye Jane Joly**  
from Freddie and Shirley Brown  
Louise and Tom Eason  
Mr. and Mrs. Grady C. Golden  
**Eleanor Nelson Higgs**  
from Mrs. Marie Sanders  
Diane and Chuck Chesley  
Lucille Godwin  
Sarah and Bill Hancock  
Lee and Dale Phillips  
Margaret Lawler

**Marion L. Ewing**  
from Mr. and Mrs. George A. Baldwin, Jr.  
**Georgiann Lamb**  
from her Lambs

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	201
Traditional worship (11:00)	564
FaithLink worship	193
Wesleyan Communion	17
National Day of Prayer	125
<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>1100</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	601

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.06.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$76,089	\$76,089	\$1,403,459
Received	\$88,842	\$88,842	\$1,416,758
Over/(Under)	\$12,753	\$12,753	\$13,299

Year to Date - April 30, 2018 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$1,581	\$1,525	(\$56)
Cash Disbursements	\$1,676	\$1,597	\$79
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$95)	(\$72)	\$23

Funds from advanced pledge giving and the Hunter Foundation are moved to the operating account each month on a prorated basis to help fund the deficit that we always experience through the year. We pray that members will consider their individual pledges as a floor to giving and not a ceiling, and that those in a position to do so, will move ahead to help fund God's 365-day-a-year work through our church. - Your Finance Team

**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

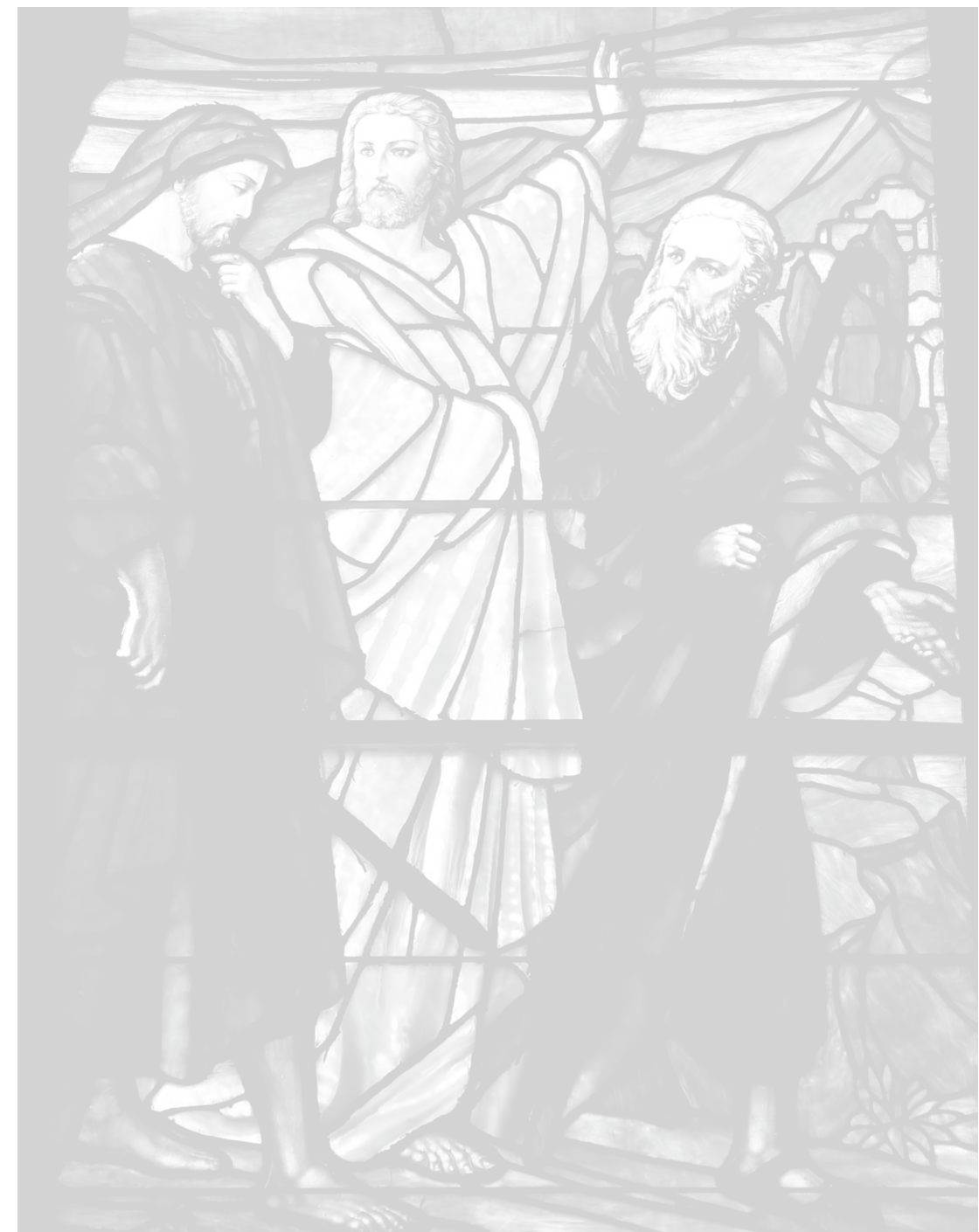
**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am  
**FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE:** 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am  
**WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE:** 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 13, 2018 • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

# Celebration of Worship

## Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 13, 2018

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

PRELUDE..... *Concerto Grosso #8 in B-flat (excerpts)*..... Hannah Hobson, oboe  
 Georg Frideric Handel E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING ..... Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT (8:30)..... *This is the Day*..... Ensemble  
 Mark Hayes

INTROIT (11:00)..... *Respect the Lord*..... FUMC Children  
 Pepper Choplin

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”..... No. 126

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... No. 885..... Rev. Wilkinson

BAPTISM (8:30)..... Jane Davis Dugan and Samuel Tate Dugan..... No. 39, Dr. Day  
 presented by their parents Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Boothe Dugan

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00)..... Steadfast Servants

MUSICAL OFFERING..... *Beautiful Savior*..... Women's Ensemble  
 arr. Tom Fettke

† SCRIPTURE READING..... Proverbs 31:10-20, 27-31..... Dr. Goad  
 Old Testament, Page 753 in your Pew Bible

† 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.*

† \*\*CHILDREN'S BLESSING..... Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Bishop William 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..... “Happy the Home When God Is There”..... No. 445

† OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING..... *Nearer, Still Nearer*..... Hannah Hobson, oboe  
 arr. Dan Forrest Ensemble (8:30)  
 Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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..... Titus 2:11-14..... Dr. Day  
 New Testament, Page 262 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE..... THE GRACE FILLED FAMILY..... Dr. Day

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION..... “O Lord, May Church and Home Combine”..... No. 695  
*(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. Goad  
*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 ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

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

POSTLUDE..... *Toccata sur “Victimae Paschali Laudes”*..... E. Ray Peebles, organ  
 Denis Bédard

**Acolytes:** Layton Clark, Rowan Miller (8:30), Landry Hobson, Caya Cate(11:00)

**Crucifer:** Harper Hearron (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.

\* IF YOU WISH TO JOIN the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

\*\*Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service:

• 3-4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center

• K5-3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.

# Sermon Notes

THE GRACE FILLED FAMILY

Titus 2:11-14

I. First, **Have** a tolerant attitude - never be harsh or judgmental.

II. Second, **Allow** the other person to express their opinion or point of view.

III. Third, **Respond**, don't react - don't be irritable or touchy.

IV. Fourth, **Make** every effort to be a peacemaker instead of a troublemaker.

V. Fifth, **Offer** to talk and work things out.

VI. Sixth, **Never** be picky.

VII. Finally, **Yield** and rely constantly on the Lord.