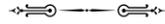


WELCOME

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

"And a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6—The second window on the left is in memory of Ida Lee Chapman who gave the first dollar toward the building where we now worship. At the conclusion of a church service in 1911, in which the minister had spoken of a prospective drive of funds with which to erect a new, larger building, Ida Lee, a child of about nine years of age, came forward and offered a silver dollar, her prized possession. Two weeks later she died quite unexpectedly. The membership was so touched by her gift, the window, given by the church, was one of the first ones installed in the building when completed in 1913. The dollar she contributed was placed in the cornerstone in 1913 and remains with other treasured items in the present cornerstone.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Paula Craig

DISCHARGED: Betty Smith, Robert Kennedy, Gaines Smith, Tammey Webber, Carolyn Spano

SYMPATHY is extended to Kay Sutton & family in the death of her husband, Lee Sutton and to the family & friends of Anna Langenstein in her death.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God from the Altar Guild Fund.

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

MEMORIALS

Dorothy Nan Amox Shackelford

from Mary Ann Webb

Sylvia Wright

Tim Shackelford

from Mary Ann Webb

Sylvia Wright

Donna Rhoads Turner

from Linda and Jimmy Ray

Peggy Folds Gale

from Mary and Jim Bolin

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018	
Traditional worship (8:30)	165
Traditional worship (11:00)	536
FaithLink worship	200
Wesleyan Communion	10
Total worship attendance:	911
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	437

Year to Date - September 30, 2018 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$3,320	\$3,268	(\$52)
Cash Disbursements	\$3,750	\$3,570	\$180
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$430)	(\$302)	\$128

VITAL SIGNS			
Contributions	Week Ending 10.07.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$99,548	\$99,548	\$2,895,530
Received	\$85,223	\$85,223	\$3,027,212
Over/(Under)	(\$14,325)	(\$14,325)	\$131,682

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 • Associate Pastor: Rev. Erik Rasmussen
Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads • Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson
Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles

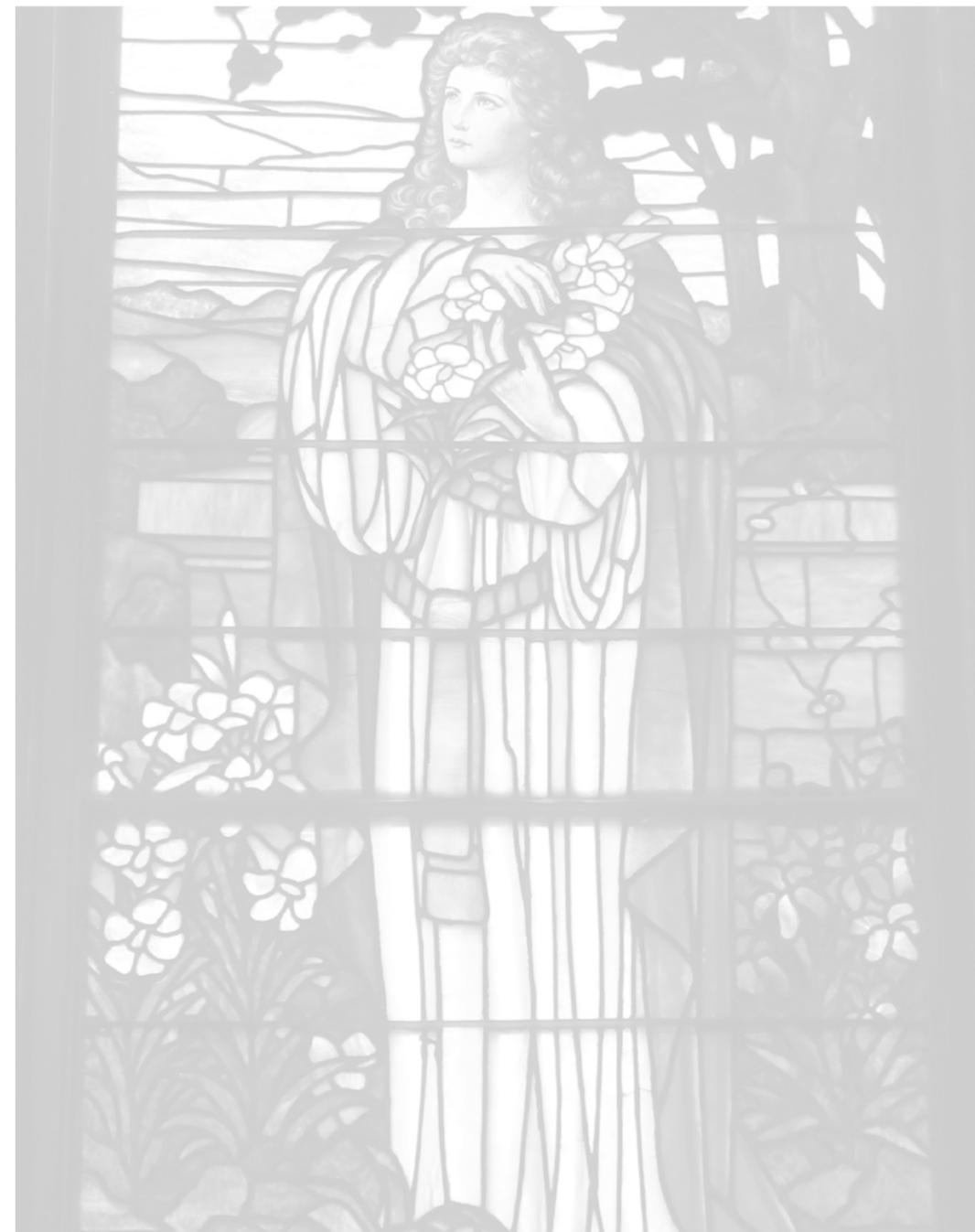
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 14, 2018 · TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - October 14, 2018

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

PRELUDE.....*Pastorale*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Katherine Kennicott Davis

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

INTROIT.....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”.....No. 89

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

BAPTISM (11:00).....Aela Marie Johnson.....No. 39, Dr. Day
& William Jackson Johnson
Presented by their parents, Mr. & Mr. Marshall William Johnson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Come Down, O Love Divine*.....Hannah Hobson, oboe
DOWN AMPNEY E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Charles Callahan

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Proverbs 12:17-22.....Dr. Rhoads
Old Testament, Page 731 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.....Billie Beck

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.....“Lord, Speak to Me”.....No. 463

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Canticle of Praise**Ensemble (8:30)
John Ness Beck Chancel Choir (11:00)
Rebecca Vacha, conductor

† DOXOLOGYNo. 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.....Matthew 12:33-37.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 15 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....THE COURAGE TO WATCH WHAT YOU SAY.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“The Gift of Love”.....No. 408

(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.)

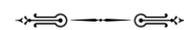
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Bishop William Hutchinson

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.

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

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

POSTLUDE..... *Toccata*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Theodore Dubois



**Given to the glory of God and in honor of E. Ray Peebles by Johnny and Mary Peoples.*

Acolytes: Grayson Hargon (8:30) Crew Chandler, Cannon Chandler (11:00)

Crucifer: Harper Hearron (8:30), Quinton Hilliard (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 COURAGE TO WATCH WHAT YOU SAY

Matthew 12:33-37

I. First, what you say conditions your mind and controls your life. (vs. 33)

II. Second, what you say impacts and influences others. (vs. 34)

III. Third, what you say reveals the true nature of your heart. (vs. 34-35)

IV. Fourth, what you say can change your life. (vs. 36)

V. Finally, what you say will be judged by God. (vs. 36-37)