

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

Abraham and Isaac—"Even as Abraham believed God. "Galatians 3:6

The first stained glass window on the left, nearest the pulpit, is generally simply called the Harp window as it was given by the church in memory of its first pastor and his wife. Young Reverend Harp, aged eighteen, was appointed as first station pastor in Shreveport in 1847. He served two years in the little frame church on Market Street. At the time of his death, in Shreveport, at eighty-five, he was the oldest preacher in the Louisiana Conference and the only surviving charter member of the Louisiana Conference. The center panel shows Abraham about to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice, Genesis 22.

Reverend Harp's life story, like that of Abraham, is one of obedience to the will of God.

We are grateful for his legacy to all of us.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Maye Spells

DISCHARGED: Martha McDaniel, Truly McDaniel, Paula Craig, Frankie Spano

CONGRATULATIONS to Krista & Brian Allen on the birth of their daughter, Nora Haley Allen on September 28, 2018.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Spencer Black from his family.

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

MEMORIALS

William Kendrick (Ken) Hayes, Jr.

from Dabney Andrews and Huck Andrews

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCarthy

Dr. and Mrs. Dean Griffen

Debbie's Thursday Afternoon Bridge Group

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Blewett

Sheila and Thomas Berry

Ellen and Sam Caverlee

Mr. and Mrs. George Beeson

Mary and Aubrey Wynn

Claire Gates

LaWanda and Ernest Blakeney

Mary Carol and Curt McClure

William Kendrick (Ken) Hayes, Jr.

from Reade Ramsey Linam

J. Ryan and Robert Stegall

Betty and Jerry McDaniel

Carolyne and Mark Nettles

Louise and Dewitt Booty

Sarah Titus

Timothy Dulany

from St. Mark's Cathedral School

Julia (Dooley) Weyman

from Franne and Franklin Jackson

Tennis Competitors of Dallas

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 10.14.18	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$99,548	\$199,096	\$2,995,078
Received	\$73,426	\$158,649	\$3,100,638
Over/(Under)	(\$26,122)	(\$40,447)	\$105,560

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2018

Traditional worship (8:30)	143
Traditional worship (11:00)	338
FaithLink worship	135
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	616
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	400



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

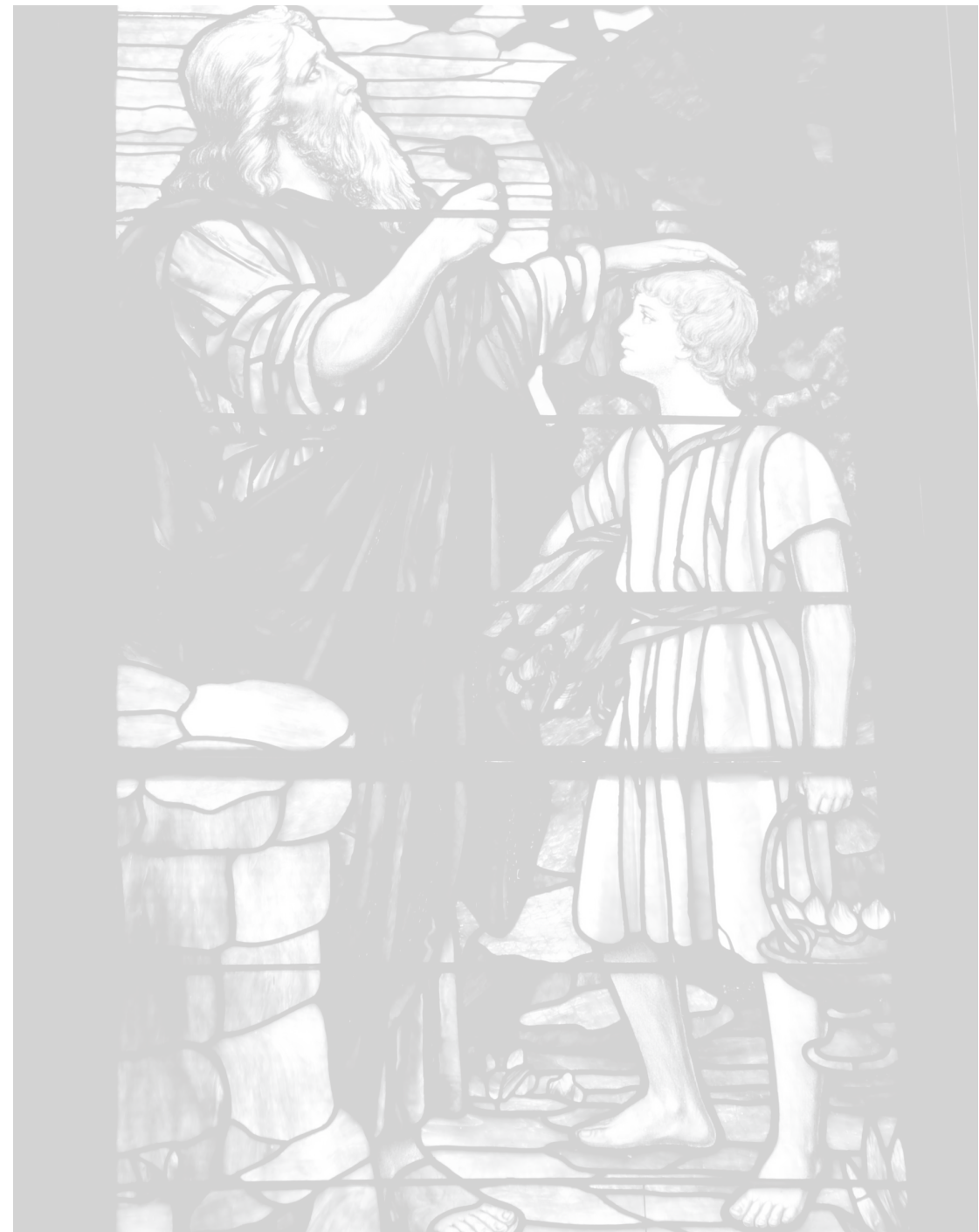
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

OCTOBER 21, 2018 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - October 21, 2018

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

PRELUDE.....*Processional Prelude on HYFRYDOL*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
John G. Barr

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*Emerald Stream*.....Centenary College Choir
Seth Houston

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Ye Servants of God”.....No. 181

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 887.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Elijah Rock*.....Centenary College Choir
arr. Moses Hogan

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Esther 4:9-16.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 552 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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CHORAL RESPONSE.....*Still Waters*.....Sierra Worman, soprano
James G. Eakin III Centenary College Choir
[Psalm 23 with *In Paradisum*: May the Angels Lead You into Paradise]

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*My God is a Rock*.....Carlos Romero, baritone
arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker Centenary College Choir

† 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.....Joshua 24: 14-24.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 268 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE POWER OF ONE**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....No. 451

(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.....*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*.....Centenary College Choir
Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE.....*In dir ist Freude*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach
[In Thee is Gladness]



Acolytes: Henry Peacock, Molly Reagan (8:30) Andrew Hobson, Mary Scott Sevier (11:00)

Crucifer: Grant Reagan (8:30), Landry Hobson (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 POWER OF ONE

Joshua 24:14-24

I. First, "the Power of One" is released as you realize you are a steward of one of God's greatest gifts - influence.

II. Second, the "Power of One" is released when you see and experience how one ordinary person can use his or her influence to make a powerful impact and difference.

III. Third, "the Power of One" is released when you "pay it forward" to people, especially the young people in your sphere of influence.

IV. Fourth, "the Power of One" is released as you focus on doing God's will (one thing) extremely well.

V. Finally, "the Power of One" is released as you spend time deepening your relationship with God and His plan for your life.