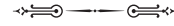


# WELCOME

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.

## 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:** John Broyles, Dr. Doug King

**DISCHARGED:** Anne B. Rogers

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joleen and Wayne Hennigan from Lottie Hennigan.

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

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**Louis Christian**  
from Michelle and Andy Osborn  
**Ralph Hughes**  
from Michelle and Andy Osborn  
**Hoyt Tompkins**  
from Michelle and Andy Osborn  
**Tamie Bryant Godfrey**  
from Michelle and Andy Osborn

**John T. Ready**  
from Mary Ann Webb  
**Creighton Webb**  
from Mary Ann Webb  
**Michael Douthitt**  
from Circle 5, UMW  
**H. Larry Hudson**  
from Lounelle Black  
Johnette and Jim Barnes  
Carole and William Lacefield  
**Jasper Lynn**  
from Johnette and Jim Barnes  
Carole and William Lacefield

**James Pat Craig**  
from Johnette and Jim Barnes  
Carole and William Lacefield  
**Kimberly Wilhite**  
from Martha Storer  
Elizabeth A. Woodall  
Johnette and Jim Barnes  
Carole and William Lacefield  
Rebecca Lang Zuch  
Dr. and Mrs. Dean Griffen  
Jenny Kennon  
Ellen and Sam Caverlee  
Linda and Charles Knicely  
O. Delton Harrison, Jr.  
Bill Peatross

~Honorariums~  
**Mathew Hargett**  
from Allison and Gabe Cate  
**Dr. Carl Rhoads**  
from Mary Ann Webb  
**Mrs. Margaret Evans**  
from Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Couloubaritsis

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.19.19	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 19, 2019	
Goal	\$75,408	\$226,224	\$1,552,481	Traditional worship (8:30)	182
Received	\$65,048	\$188,458	\$1,498,677	Traditional worship (11:00)	527
Over/(Under)	(\$10,360)	(\$37,766)	(\$53,804)	FaithLink worship	165
				Wesleyan Communion Service	n/a
				<b>Total worship attendance</b>	<b>874</b>
				Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	466



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

MAY 26, 2019 • SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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# Mother's Day Offering

## For the month of May

This year's Mother's Day Offering is benefiting the Louisiana Methodist Children & Family Services Foster Care

# Celebration of Worship

## Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

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

PRELUDE.....*Faith, Hope, and Love*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
A Trilogy based on familiar Hymn-tunes  
Carl F. Mueller

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

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”..... No. 79

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 888.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*God is My Shepherd*.....Rebecca Vacha, soprano  
Antonín Dvořák

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Isaiah 61:1-7.....Bishop Hutchinson  
Old Testament, Page 846 in your Pew Hymnal

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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 ..... Rev. Joyce

MORNING PRAYER ..... Dr. Goad

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.....“A Charge to Keep I Have”.....No. 413

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Bishop Hutchinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Craig Courtney 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.....1 Peter 2:5.....Rev. Joyce  
New Testament, Page 282 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**CALLED TO BE PRIESTS**.....Rev. Joyce

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Rejoice in God's Saints”.....No. 708  
*(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 Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle’s Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*PAEAN A Song of Triumph*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Oliphant Chuckerbutty



**Acolytes:** Bunker Webb (8:30), Graham Pearson, Mary Hadley Pearson (11:00)

**Crucifer:** Harper Hearron (8:30)

† *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 (8:30 & 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

CALLED TO BE PRIESTS

**1 Peter 2:5**—“*You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*”

**Isaiah 61:6**—“*You will be called Priests of the LORD, Ministers of our God, they will say about you.*”

Many people think that only a select few are called to be priests. And while this might be true in a professional/vocational sense when it comes to ordering an institution and directing ministry programs, every follower of Christ has a calling to live as “The Priesthood of All Believers.” Let us explore the priestly tradition by examining the historical, biblical position of priests in Scripture, and see how each person who responds to the grace and love of God in Jesus enters into a life of worship and ministry. Committed followers of Jesus are called to offer their lives in sacrificial praise and thanksgiving in order to reflect and share the gospel hope for the world. Every person becomes priestly in life and vocation. And this is a marvelous gift for the world—to see faith on display, to see work as worship, and to know that God is alive and good, because people called by His name are priests of God.