



Service of Worship

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

November 16, 2025 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church. Today we continue the series, “All You Can,” which invites us to rediscover John Wesley’s timeless wisdom—earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can—as a blueprint for faithful living. Each week explores how these simple yet powerful principles shape a life of purpose, generosity, and stewardship. Together, we will learn what it means to work with integrity, manage wisely, and give joyfully as acts of love toward God and neighbor.

CHIMES *Worship begins at the opening voluntary. At the sound of the chimes, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection preparing for today’s service.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Diversion for the Reeds”

June Nixon

GREETING

INTROIT (11:00 a.m.) “Exultate, Jubilate”

Helen Kemp

God who made all music, make my life a song. Help me sing your praises simple, true and strong. Exultate, Jubilate, Alleluia, Gloria! Together let us celebrate God’s gift of melody. Together, voice and heart and mind in tuneful harmony. We’ll sing a song with spirit and understanding too, rejoicing as we sing each word in love and gratitude. We thank the music makers who help us find our voices, help us make our lives a song, and all God’s world rejoices!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

This is an amazing day the Lord has made: **a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.**
This is the time God has given us: **a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.**
This is the life to which God calls us: **a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.**

† HYMN 98 “To God Be the Glory”

OUR SHARED LIFE

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John M. Spain II, by his family.
The votive candle is in memory of Trey Blue.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Children are invited to come forward for the children’s sermon.

HYMN “Jesus Loves Me”

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world. Please take a moment and record your attendance on a card located in the blue folders in the pews. Place the card in the offering plate when passed to you. Make a secure gift by scanning the QR Code or visit fumcbr.org/give to give online.



OFFERTORY "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Setting by Moses Hogan (8:30 a.m.)

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got all the power in his hands. He's got you and me, brother, sister, in his hands. He's got mother and father, stars and moon right in his hands. He's got everybody in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

"I Can Tell the World"

Setting by Moses Hogan (11:00 a.m.)

I can tell the world, yes, about this, I can tell the nations, yes, that I'm blessed. Tell them what my Lord has done, tell them the conqueror has come, and he brought Joy to my soul. My Lord done just what he said. He healed the sick and he raised the dead. He lifted me when I was down. He placed my feet on solid ground. Oh Lord, he brought joy, that morning, when he saved me. Joy, that morning, when he blessed me. Joy, I'll tell it, how he brought this joy to my soul.

† DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Timothy 6:6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Save All You Can"

Reverend Whitton

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to place your Discipleship Covenant in the altar basket as your commitment to God and the church's mission.

† HYMN 87 "What Gift Can We Bring"

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Paeon"

John Marsh

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Acolyte	Ian Venuto (8:30 a.m.); Adaline Cinman (11:00 a.m.)
Children's Sermon	Sheri Loy
Lay Reader	Shannon Venuto (8:30 a.m.); Terry Preis (11:00 a.m.)
Liturgist	Pattye Hewitt, <i>Executive Director of Adult Discipleship and Welcoming Ministries</i>
Musicians	Kaylee Mancuso, <i>Soprano</i> (8:30 a.m.) Chancel Choir and 3-5 Grade Choir (11:00 a.m.) Holden Miller, <i>Associate Director of Music and Organist</i> Lamar Drummonds, <i>Director of Music and Worship</i>
Preaching	Reverend Brady Whitton, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Soundboard	Tim McKey (8:30 a.m.); Rick Waldrop (11:00 a.m.)

New to First United Methodist Church? Here's Where to Begin!

If you are new to First United Methodist and are ready to learn more or have questions, we invite you to join us for our monthly **Newcomer Coffee**. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and meet others. This event takes place on the first Sunday of each month from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in Ory Parish Hall. Registration is helpful (scan the QR code) but not required. For more information, contact Shan Schatzle, *Coordinator*, at shan@firstmethodist.org.



Café 930 - Enjoy fellowship and a cup of hot coffee or tea from 8:00-11:00 a.m. (Ory Parish Hall) every Sunday morning. An assortment of teas, flavored syrups, and sweeteners are available. All are welcome.

Families with Children – Children are always welcome in worship! Childcare is available during all services for children ages 6 weeks through Kindergarten. FUMC also offers Sunday morning groups for children and youth from 9:45-10:45 a.m. To find a group, visit the check-in table located across from the welcome desk in the Conference Center lobby.

Believe & Belong – Are you discerning becoming a member of FUMC or ready to join? Attend the next Believe & Belong today from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Conference Center. Childcare and Children's Sunday School are available during this hour. Register by scanning the QR code. Questions? Email Pattye Hewitt, *Inviting & Welcoming Director*, at phewitt@firstmethodist.org.



Resource Table – Looking to grow your love for God, self, and others? Stop by the Resource Table located in the narthex off the back of the sanctuary and help yourself to a Bible and highly recommended books. These free resources will encourage and inspire you in following Jesus and loving others in his name.

Events, Missions, and Learning

FUMC will participate in a **Charge Conference** on today at 4:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC (544 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802), in conjunction with other churches from the Southeast District. A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a local UM church, held to make key decisions on behalf of the congregation. Appointed clergy and members of the church council are voting members of the charge conference. All members are welcome to attend.

Our Ministries Require Your Support: Your contributions help underwrite the important ministries of FUMC. Recurring gifts provide stability for our church, helping us know how much income to expect and to manage cash flow throughout the year. To establish a recurring gift via ACH bank draft, contact Destiny Muse, *Contributions Coordinator*, at dmuse@firstmethodist.org, or at 225-383-2777, extension 218. For instructions on setting up an online recurring gift, visit <http://www.fumcbr.org/give>.

In 2026, FUMC will celebrate the **100th anniversary** of moving from the original site on the corner of Fourth and Laurel to the current location on North Boulevard. To commemorate this milestone, solid brass ornaments of the façade of the sanctuary are for sale in the Ory Parish Hall. Each ornament is \$20 (cash, check, or card accepted). This ornament will make a great gift. Purchase one for yourself, for family members who were either baptized, confirmed, or married in the sanctuary.



The **Youth Ministry** is selling Bergeron's Pecans in the Ory Parish Hall. Bags of pecans are \$15 each (cash, check, and cards accepted). This fundraiser raises money for youth summer mission trips.

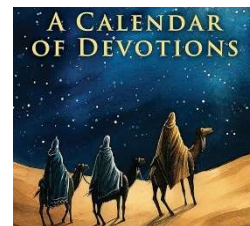
Would you like to help provide joy to a child on Christmas morning? Visit the Ory Parish Hall today to select a child on the **FUMC Giving Tree**, or at www.firstmethodistgivingtree.org (note, during the Sunday School Hour on Sunday mornings, online sign-ups will temporarily be unavailable, but will be back up Sunday afternoon). Wrapped gifts are due by Sunday, December 14. Please do not bring gifts before December 1. Contact Caroline Tyler, *Giving Tree Coordinator*, at givingtree@firstmethodist.org with questions.



Order your poinsettia today! We hope you will consider placing a poinsettia in a worship space in memory or honor of someone special this year. By scanning the QR Code to the right, you will be directed to the poinsettia reservation page. You can also order via the Advent Section on the church's website at www.firstmethodist.org or by visiting www.fumcbr.org/poinsettia. Each plant is \$21. The deadline to order is Monday, December 8. Poinsettias will adorn worship spaces on December 14, 21, and Christmas Eve.



"Advent 2025: A Calendar of Devotions" are available! This resource provides daily devotions to guide you through the season of Advent. Each day's reading, from the first Sunday of Advent (November 30) to Christmas Day, is based on the Revised Common Lectionary and includes scripture, a short devotion, and a prayer. Printed devotionals are available each sanctuary entrance. For a downloadable version or a printed copy mailed to your home, email Patty Hewitt at phewitt@firstmethodist.org.



The **Love Your Neighbor** van needs your help restocking! Place your donations in the large box near the America Street entrance. Items needed:

- Fruit Cups
- Men's Long Sleeve Crew Neck T-Shirts – Sizes: M, L and XL
- Men's and Women's elastic waist pants – all sizes
- 12 oz. Coffee Grounds
- New or Lightly used Sleeping Bags
- Flushable Wipes
- Gently used sweaters/sweatshirts, and jackets - all sizes

The FUMC Children's Ministry invites you to experience the story of Christmas as a family through activities, crafts, food, and music at **Advent Adventure** on Sunday, December 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (downtown at Galvez Plaza). Visit firstmethodistchildren.org for more information about this free, family event.

Make plans to attend the **Senior Adult Christmas Event** on Wednesday, December 10. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Baton Rouge Chorus of Sweet Adelines. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Center. Lunch and program \$25.00. To make reservations, call (225)383-4777, ext. 229 or email care@firstmethodist.org.

First United Methodist Church • Sanctuary Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. • America Street Service at 9:45 a.m. • Mid City: First and Third Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (Today's location: Williamsburg Retirement Community at 5445 Government St, Baton Rouge, LA 70806).