



Service of Worship

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

October 12 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

CHIMES *At the sound of the chimes, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection preparing for today's service.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Setting by Robert Hobby

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

† HYMN 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OUR SHARED LIFE

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Casey Caulfield, by Carol and Mark Shirley.

The rose honors the birth of Sophie Elise, child of Phillip and Jessica Hubble, grandchild of Garry and Lisa Hubble, born October 7, 2025.

The votive is in memory of Tom Spradley.

The music you are about to hear (11:00 a.m.) marks a threshold into prayer. Rather than applauding, we invite you to respond with a quiet spirit or a spoken "Amen."

CALL TO PRAYER (11:00 a.m.) "Give Me Jesus"

Setting by Moses Hogan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus. You may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 during the last verse of the hymn.

† HYMN 273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE *As a forgiven people, we greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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 "Give Me Jesus"

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

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"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.

† GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

SERMON "Is Your Jesus Big Enough?"

Reverend Whitton

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

† HYMN 156 "I Love to Tell the Story"

† BENEDICTION (8:30 a.m.)

† CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00 a.m.) "May the Lord, Mighty God"

Richard Rogers

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever, grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor lift up your eyes and see his face, and his grace forever.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Processional"

Grayston Ives

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Acolyte	Bennett Brock (8:30 a.m.); Mary Taylor Buzzell (11:00 a.m.)
Children's Sermon	Sirena Brock
Lay Reader	Lisa Burns (8:30 a.m.); Mary Harper Hart (11:00 a.m.)
Liturgist	Patty Hewitt, <i>Executive Director of Adult Discipleship and Welcoming Ministries</i>
Musicians	Gilana Warren, <i>Soprano</i> ; Chancel 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	Lamar Drummonds (8:30 a.m.); Jim Hewitt (11:00 a.m.)

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

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. Ask a greeter for directions.

Interested in membership at First United Methodist Church? “Believe & Belong” is where you will learn what it means to *Believe* in Jesus and *Belong* to this community of faith. The next “Believe & Belong” will be held on November 16 from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Conference Center. Childcare and Sunday School for children and youth are available during this time. To register visit: fumcbr.org/believelong or scan the QR code.



Events, Missions, and Learning

The **Love Your Neighbor** van needs your help restocking! Please 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: L and XL
- Men's and Women's Elastic Waist Pants – All sizes
- Flushable Wipes
- Women's Cotton Briefs – Sizes: S, M, and L
- Men's Cotton Boxers – Sizes: S, M, and L

Fall Fest is on Sunday, October 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Churchwide support is needed to make this event a success! Sign up online to help at the event, provide items for the Cake Walk, become an event sponsor, or make a donation at www.firstmethodistchildren.org. Collection bins to donate candy are in the Conference Center lobby and church office.

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards! FUMC is hosting the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off during Fall Fest. Contact Sarah Wright, *Associate Director of Children's Ministry*, at swright@firstmethodist.org to participate.

The Great Pumpkin Hunt is on Sunday, October 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This event for youth, grades 6th-12th, will start at FUMC. Teams (limited to 4 or fewer people), or individual youth, can register at www.firstmethodistyouth.org. Adult drivers are needed for each team. Teams get a head start if a team member has never been to FUMC before!

As part of the opening processional on **All Saints Sunday**, November 2, you have an opportunity to honor a life on the All Saints Banner that incorporates names of past lives. A ribbon and bell will be attached to the banner for each name submitted. Email the name you want to memorialize to Lamar Drummonds at lamar@firstmethodist.org. Deadline for submittal is Monday, October 27.



MISSION SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the Conference Center to pick up a **mission lunch** benefiting Maison Des Amis. Today's lunch is fried fish, potato salad, peas, and a cookie, all for \$10 per plate. Maison des Amis provides safe and supportive housing for adults living with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness. The organization helps residents work toward stability through counseling, life skills training, and access to healthcare and community resources.

Enjoy some **Methodist Children's Home Salsa!** It's just \$7.00 per jar, and all proceeds go to support the incredible work of the Methodist Children's Home and their 156 children.

Support **The Hope Shop** by stopping by their table and checking out their collection of ethically made, fair-trade products. Each purchase helps empower women artisans, providing them with job training, mentorship, and income to build independence.

Baton Rouge Youth Coalition (BRYC) helps underserved youth excel in high school; enter, persist through, and graduate from college; and secure career-track jobs.

Capital Area Alliance of the Homeless implements its mission through its One Stop Services Center; collaborative community partnerships; collecting and optimizing data on homelessness, housing, and best practices; and by connecting providers, government agencies, and people in need across LA.

Christmas Food Boxes: Each December, members and friends of FUMC assemble 100+ food boxes for those in need of a Christmas meal.

Downtown Christian Outreach Center meets each individual in their need, regardless of their circumstance, and moves them towards self-sufficiency.

First Tuesday: Teams from local businesses give the First Tuesday of every month to partner with local non-profits.

Front Yard Bikes (FYB) Teaches youth mechanics and workforce skills while promoting inclusivity, mentorship, recreation, and academic achievement.

HOPE Ministries helps prevent homelessness and promote self-sufficiency and dignity through their Client Choice Food Pantry and "The Way to Work" program.

Maison des Amis takes care of up to 46 adults whose mental illness has left them homeless in the Baton Rouge region, giving them a safe environment and help with daily living.

O'Brien House saves lives and families from alcoholism and drug abuse through residential treatment and community outreach.

Public School Partners: FUMC supports the Gardere Initiative and Front Yard Bikes by providing back-to-school backpacks. Students at our partner schools can also receive Christmas gifts through our Giving Tree program.

Revive225 is a ministry of FUMC whose mission is to transform our community, one house at a time. Volunteer mission teams do home repairs in the neighborhoods surrounding FUMC.

Three O'Clock Project is a nonprofit organization with a mission of increasing access to healthy, nutritious food for at-risk youth and their families.

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) strives to foster student success and build support for public education.

Youth Oasis supports youth and young adults recovering from the trauma of homelessness and family separation through housing, healthcare, and advocacy.

First United Methodist Church supports many missions in the Greater Baton Rouge Community. If you would like to learn more or get involved in our missions, please contact Ben Kennedy, Director of Missions, at bkennedy@firstmethodist.org.