

First United Methodist Church

Shreveport, Louisiana

Celebration of Worship • February 12, 2012

PRELUDE	<i>“Adagio Cantabile”</i> J. S. Bach	E. Ray Peebles
WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING		Rev. Crews
INTROIT	<i>“Brethren We Have Met to Worship”</i> Arr: William Moore	Chancel Choir FMC Brass
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Crews
INVOCATION		
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”</i>	No. 103
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	No. 881 (Apostles’ Creed)	Rev. Crews
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>“How Beautiful upon the Mountains”</i> F. Flaxington Harker	Laura Ulrich
SCRIPTURE READING	2 Samuel 11: 1-15	Dr. Rhoads
GLORIA PATRI	<i>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.</i>	
CHILDREN'S BLESSING		Billie Tate
JOYS AND CONCERNS		Dr. Day
MORNING PRAYER		Rev. Beck
THE 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	
HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	No. 378

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* Chancel Choir
Arr: Benjamin Harlan FMC Brass

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 Corinthians 10: 11-13 Dr. Day

MESSAGE **“Sidestep the Snares to Success”**

- I. **First, recognize success can be like a drug– we overestimate our importance and invulnerability.**
- II. **Second, recognize arrogance as the source of the most destructive snare.**
- III. **Third, recognize the failure to be attentive and alert to warning signals can be disastrous.**
- IV. **Fourth, recognize being naïve when it comes to making wrong choices leads to costly consequences.**
- V. **Finally, recognize you are accountable to God and others.**

HYMN OF INVITATION *“Standing on the Promises of God”* No. 374

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Crews
We rejoice to recognize you as a member(s) of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the 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 Rev. Beck

SENDING FORTH *“Amen”* Chancel Choir
John Rutter

POSTLUDE *“Gigue Fugue”* E. Ray Peebles
J. S. Bach

The mission of First United Methodist Church is to embrace and extend God's grace while passionately growing servant leaders.

