

First United Methodist Church

Shreveport, Louisiana

Celebration of Worship • January 22, 2012

PRELUDE	“ <i>Rhosymedre</i> ” (Hymn #447) Ralph Vaughan Williams	E. Ray Peebles
WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING		Rev. Crews
INTROIT	O Most High, Almighty God Paul Sjolund	Chancel Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Crews
INVOCATION		
HYMN OF PRAISE	“ <i>The Church’s One Foundation</i> ”	No. 545
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	No. 881(Apostles’ Creed)	Rev. Crews
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wakefield present their son, Grayson James Wakefield, for holy baptism.	Dr. Day
CELEBRATION OF LIFE		Pat Aura
MUSICAL OFFERING	“ <i>How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings</i> ” S. Liddle	Kyle Boston
SCRIPTURE READING	Nehemiah 1: 1-9	Rev. Crews
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		Dr. Rhoads
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 *“A Charge to Keep I Have”* No. 413

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING *“A New Song”* Chancel Choir
Diane Bish

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 Nehemiah 2: 1-5 Dr. Day

MESSAGE **“Follow Your Dreams”**

- I. Step 1: Surrender your will to His and ask Him to reveal it.**
- II. Step 2: Don’t expect to grasp the fullness of your dream at first.
God will reveal it over time.**
- III. Step 3: The dream will relate to the needs of other hurting people.**
- IV. Step 4: The dream may be revealed to you out of your pain, hardships
or as you start serving in cooperation with somebody else’s cause.**
- V. Step 5: The dream will push your envelope– courageously move forward with
faith and confidence.**

HYMN OF INVITATION *“Are Ye Able Said the Master”* No. 530

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 Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH *“Amen”* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

John Rutter
“*Finale Jubilante*”
Healy Willan

E. Ray Peebles

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