

First United Methodist Church

Shreveport, Louisiana

Celebration of Worship • January 8, 2012

PRELUDE	<i>“Entree”</i> from <u>Suite Liturgique</u> Denis Bedard	E. Ray Peebles
WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING		Rev. Crews
INTROIT	<i>“This is the Day”</i> Hayes	Chancel Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Crews
INVOCATION		
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”</i>	No. 127
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	No. 885 (Modern)	Rev. Crews
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>“Come, Ye Blessed of My Father”</i> John Prindle Scott	Cynthia Johnson
CONGREGATIONAL READING	No. 607	Rev. Beck
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		Emily Bankston
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	<i>“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”</i>	No. 452

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Beck

MUSICAL OFFERING Chancel Choir
“Be Thou Vision”
Arr: Parker

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 Dr. Day
Hebrews 11: 8-12

MESSAGE **“Wake Up Your Dreams”**

- I. **First, the CALL– the dreamer is called by the Dream Giver.**
- II. **Second, the COVENANT– the dream seed is carefully planted by the Dream giver in a receptive heart and mind.**
- III. **Third, the CHALLENGE– the dreamer is asked to take a major step of faith and obedience.**
- IV. **Fourth, the CRISIS of belief– the dreamer and the dream must be tested.**
- V. **Finally, the COMMITMENT– the dreamer must be willing to die for the dream.**

HYMN OF INVITATION No. 593
“Here I Am, Lord”

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 Chancel Choir
“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”
Wood

POSTLUDE E. Ray Peebles
“Sortie” from Suite Liturgique
Denis Bedard

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