



Welcome to First Baptist Church, Shreveport. We are a family of faith, from diverse backgrounds and ages, committed to following Jesus together. We strive to grow together in faith, to love God in our worship, and to embrace the call of Jesus in missions and ministry. I hope you experience God in a special way in worship today. We have Bible Study groups for all ages at 9:15 am each Sunday, and these are a great way to get to know the church.

Welcome to the First Baptist Family!
Jeff

Sermon Notes:

We invite the church family to memorize Mark 12:28-31 in the month of January.

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31 NIV

Announcements:

Today's worship service will be broadcast on KPXJ CW21 next Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

There will be a **Sunday School Forum** today after worship. A light lunch will be provided in the Parlor.

Youth Music Team (YMT) is kicking off Sunday, January 10 at 4:00 pm in the Youth Center. The group will be led by Heather Vandiver, Glen Adkins and Katie Mussat. If you sing or play an instrument please come!!

The Music Ministry is presenting **A Night On Broadway** on Sunday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. on stage in the Fellowship Hall, featuring musical highlights from the Broadway hits *Oklahoma* and *Annie*. The cast will be composed of members of ALL ages from our church. If you would like to sing in one of the group songs like "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" or "We'd Like to Thank You Herbert Hoover" just sign up and come to the scheduled rehearsals. If you would like to sing a solo like "Kansas City" (from *Oklahoma*) or "Tomorrow" (from *Annie*) sign up for an interview to determine the solo you might sing. To set up an interview or to get more information please contact Glen Adkins (email: glenadkins@gmail.com ; cell phone: 318-678-3776) or Heather Vandiver (email: copatan01@gmail.com ; cell phone: 318-349-4414).

Planet Wisdom youth retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 26- Saturday, February 27. It is \$75.00 and will be held in Dallas, TX. Watch for details on the Youth Facebook page. **Registration deadline is Sunday, January 17.**

Deacon's Meeting will be Sunday, January 17 at 6:30 in Hunter Hall 110.

The **church offices** will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Our Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
Tara Partington, Organist
Eric Vandiver, Pianist
Heather Vandiver, Music Associate
Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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Worship

"Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. -Revelation 1:17-20

Prelude *Glorify Thy Name*
Tara Partington, organ *arr. Carol Hamlin*

Call to Worship *Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come*
Mary McDonald

*Hymn of Praise 15 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace Lord like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

*Invocation Jeff Raines

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymns

Come As You Are
Only Trust Him

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been,
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.**

Chorus:

**Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame,
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer come home, you're not too far,
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed,
Come sit at the table come taste the grace, there's rest for the weary.
Rest that endures, earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *(Chorus)***

**Come as you are, fall in His arms, Come as you are,
There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *(Chorus)***

**Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest, by trusting in His word.
Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now;
He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now.**

Testimony Andrew Wedeberg

Scripture Reading Katie Mussat
Ephesians 1:15-23

*Hymn *How Great Is Our God*

**The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.**

Chorus:

**How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.**

(continued)

**Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(Chorus)***

**Name above all names, worthy of our praise,
My heart will sing how great is our God. *(Chorus)***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Jim Wedeberg

Offertory Duet *Oceans/It Is Well with My Soul*
arr. Keith Christopher
Tara Partington, organ and Eric Vandiver, piano

Anthem *God's Gonna Set This World On Fire*
Sanctuary Choir *Moses Hogan*

God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days,
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days,
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of the days,
God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days.

Sermon: Dear Ephesus, Jeff Raines
Revelation 2:1-7

*Hymn of Response *All Who Are Thirsty*

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of God's mercy, as deep cries out to deep we sing.
Come Lord Jesus come, come Lord Jesus come.**

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude *How Great Is Our God*

*Please stand