



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:

### THE JOURNEY



FINDING OUR STORY  
IN GOD'S STORY

January 21-27: Genesis 22-29

### Announcements:

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

**To our Guests:** We are delighted that you joined us today! Near each entrance to the church, we have guest information packets. These include both information and a couple of small gifts you may enjoy. Please join us, again, in the future. Our Pastor would love to meet you as you leave the sanctuary!

**Attention Parents:** Our cry room is located in the Bridal Suite on the West side of our Foyer. There are kids' worship folders located in each side hall of the Sanctuary.

**2018 Perspectives** on the World Christian Movement Shreveport Class began January 16 and meets each Tuesday through May 1. It is being held at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building on the LSU campus from 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Come see how God is working to reach the nations and how He invites you to be part of His Story!

**Planet Wisdom** for youth 6th-12th grade is planned for February 23-24 in Dallas Texas and is \$75.00 per person. Sign-up is available on the youth Facebook page or on the church's website ([www.fbcshreveport.org](http://www.fbcshreveport.org)). Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, January 28.

Get ready for **Ice Up South Highlands!** This event has been one of our highest in community attendance. We will need your help this year in preparation for the event. If you can serve Sunday, January 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm please contact Ronney Joe Webb or Meredith Hanna.

Now is an excellent time to join the **Sanctuary Choir**. Rehearsals are each Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm in the choir room. If you are interested please contact Glen Adkins ([glen@fbcshreveport.org](mailto:glen@fbcshreveport.org)) or Heather Vandiver ([heather@fbcshreveport.org](mailto:heather@fbcshreveport.org)). You can also just show up for rehearsal this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

#### Our Staff

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

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January 21, 2018

# Worship

Prelude *Pastorale*  
Tara Partington, organ *Domenico Zipoli*

Choral Introit *Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come*  
Sanctuary Choir *Mary McDonald*

\*Hymn of Praise 6 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render, O help us to see,  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

\*Invocation *Ronney Joe Webb*

Welcome to Worshipers

\*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Meredith Hanna*

\*Hymn *Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing,  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,  
The Hope of nations.

*Chorus:*  
Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save,  
Forever, Author of Salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again,  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender.  
*(Chorus)*

Shine your light, and let the whole world see, we're singing  
for the glory of the risen King. Jesus.  
Shine your light, and let the whole world see, we're singing  
for the glory of the risen King. *(Chorus)*

Scripture Reading *Ronney Joe Webb*  
Genesis 18:1-15 (pew Bible page 11)

Testimony *Richard Harris*

\*Hymn *Just As I Am/I Come Broken*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not,  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed,  
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled,  
I come guilty to be pardoned, by the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.  
*(continued)*

Just as I am, I would be lost,  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought,  
And now to glory in Your cross,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed,  
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled,  
I come guilty to be pardoned, by the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am,  
Praise God, just as I am.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Lauren Ostendorff*

Offertory Solo *Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho*  
Eric Vandiver, piano *Benjamin Harlan*

Anthem *Pilgrim Song*  
Sanctuary Choir *Ryan Murphy*

Sermon: Is Anything Too Difficult for The Lord?  
Genesis 18:1-15 (pew Bible page 11) *Katie Mussat*

\*Hymn of Response 447 *Trust and Obey*

Opportunities for Service *Meredith Hanna*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Congregational Benediction *Christ Go Before You*

Christ go be - fore you, Christ go be - hind you,  
Christ go be - side you, Christ go with - in you,  
Christ go be - neath you, Christ go a - bove you.

Postlude

\*Please stand