



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:



Year-end giving

Thank you for helping us reach our December offering goal! Let's keep up the good work in 2018.

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.

A new **Women's Bible Study** begins Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm and on Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 am. The study is *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer. It is a 7 week study that meets in Hunter Hall 115. Workbooks will be available at the first session for \$15.00 each. Childcare is available on Wednesdays only with a prior reservation. Call the church office.

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) or Heather Vandiver (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
- Heather Vandiver, Music Associate
- Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

God Be Praised
Heinrich Scheidemann

*Hymn of Praise 117

As with Gladness Men of Old

**As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee!**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet, ever seek the mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heavenly King!**

**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last,
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

*Invocation

Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshipers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

I Saw the Light

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**
(continued)

Chorus:

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back my sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *(Chorus)***

**I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way,
Now I have traded the wrong for the right,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *(Chorus)***

Scripture Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pew Bible page 561)

Katie Mussat

Testimony

Doneen Brubaker

*Hymn 122

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

**Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart ev'ry word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels, in chorus, sang as they welcomed His birth,
"Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."**

Chorus:

**Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart ev'ry word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.**

**Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that are past;
How for our sins he was tempted, yet was triumphant at last.
Tell of the years of His labor, tell of the sorrow He bore,
He was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected, and poor.**
(Chorus)
(continued)

**Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid Him, tell how He liveth again.
Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see:
Stay, let me weep while you whisper, love paid the ransom for me.**
(Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doneen Brubaker

Offertory Anthem
Sanctuary Choir

Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come
Mary McDonald

Sermon: The Next Step
2 Corinthians 3 (pew Bible page 807)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 95

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Chorus:

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold thro'out the heavens, there shone a holy light. *(Chorus)***

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *(Chorus)***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(Chorus)***

Opportunities for Service

Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction

Arise, Your Light Is Come

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

Postlude

*Please stand