



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:

### 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.

We will be taking photos for our online directory today. This time is for new members, families with additions, and those who have not yet had their pictures taken. Look for the large "Photos Here" signs.

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are ready due back today.

**Church Conference** is today following morning worship in the Sanctuary.

**The Chocolate Project** is today from 3:00-5:00 pm. Learn how to make yummy chocolate treats. It will be in the Activities Center and the cost is \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family.

**Give Thanks Sunday** is November 19. Join us as we have a joint worship here at First Baptist with United Outreach Church. Following worship we will have our traditional **Loaves & Fishes** lunch in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 family max.

#### Our Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor  
 Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship  
 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

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." ~1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Prelude *God Be Praised and Blessed*  
Tara Partington, organ *Heinrich Scheidemann*

\*Hymn of Praise 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,**  
**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,**  
**Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee,**  
**Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;**  
**Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,**  
**Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Invocation *Jeff Raines*

Welcome to Worshippers

\*Hymn

*Isaiah 43*

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,**  
**And the waves will not overcome you.**  
**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,**  
**I have called you by name, you are Mine.**

Chorus:  
**For I am the Lord your God,**  
**I am the Lord your God.**  
**I am the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior,**  
**For I am the Lord your God.**  
**I am the Lord your God,**  
**I am the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.**  
**I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord.**

**When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,**  
**And the flames will not consume you.**  
**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,**  
**I have called you by name, you are Mine. (Repeat chorus)**

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

**Leader:** May God's grace be upon these prayer shawls. May they be warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.  
**Congregation:** May this mantle be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.

**Leader:** May the one who receives one of these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Holy Spirit*  
Children's Choir, Heather Vandiver, Director *arr. Daniel Semsen*  
Soloist: Adelynn Wilson, Sam Greer, Olivia Ostendorff,  
Lauren Huguet, Gabby Berge

\*Hymn 636 *We Gather Together*

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,**  
**He chastens and hastens His will to make known;**  
**The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,**  
**Sing praises to His Name, He forgets not His own.**  
(continued)

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,**  
**Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;**  
**So from the beginning the fight we were winning,**  
**Thou, Lord, were at our side: the glory be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle,**  
**And pray that Thou still our defender will be;**  
**Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;**  
**Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Tracie Woods*

Offertory Anthem *Serenity*  
Young Adult Ensemble *arr. Steven Jones*  
Heather Vandiver, Director

Anthem *I Surrender All*  
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Joel Raney*

Sermon: Power Perfected *Jeff Raines*  
2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (pew Bible page 822)

\*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. (2x)**

Opportunities for Service *Ronney Joe Webb*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Choral Benediction *A Blessing of Grace*  
Children's Choir *arr. Mark Paterson*

Postlude

\*Please stand