



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 Season of Gratitude: We invite the church family to memorize Psalm 100 during November.  
**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. (Psalm 100)**

### Announcements:

SCRIPTURE READING FOR NEXT WEEK:  
Hosea 11-14; Psalm 119:97-112; Acts 23-25

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

Join us each Wednesday

Family Dinner, 5:15 - Prayer Time, 5:50  
Small Groups, Children & Youth, 6:00 - Choir, 6:30



Sunday School classes will provide 100 of one item  
Items are in the Sunday School boxes and in the front office.  
Items should be in by Friday, November 20.

**HAPPY**  
count your blessings  
be grateful  
share love  
**THANKS**

**GIVING**

Thanksgiving "Count Your Blessings" devotion and activity guides are available in the church office.

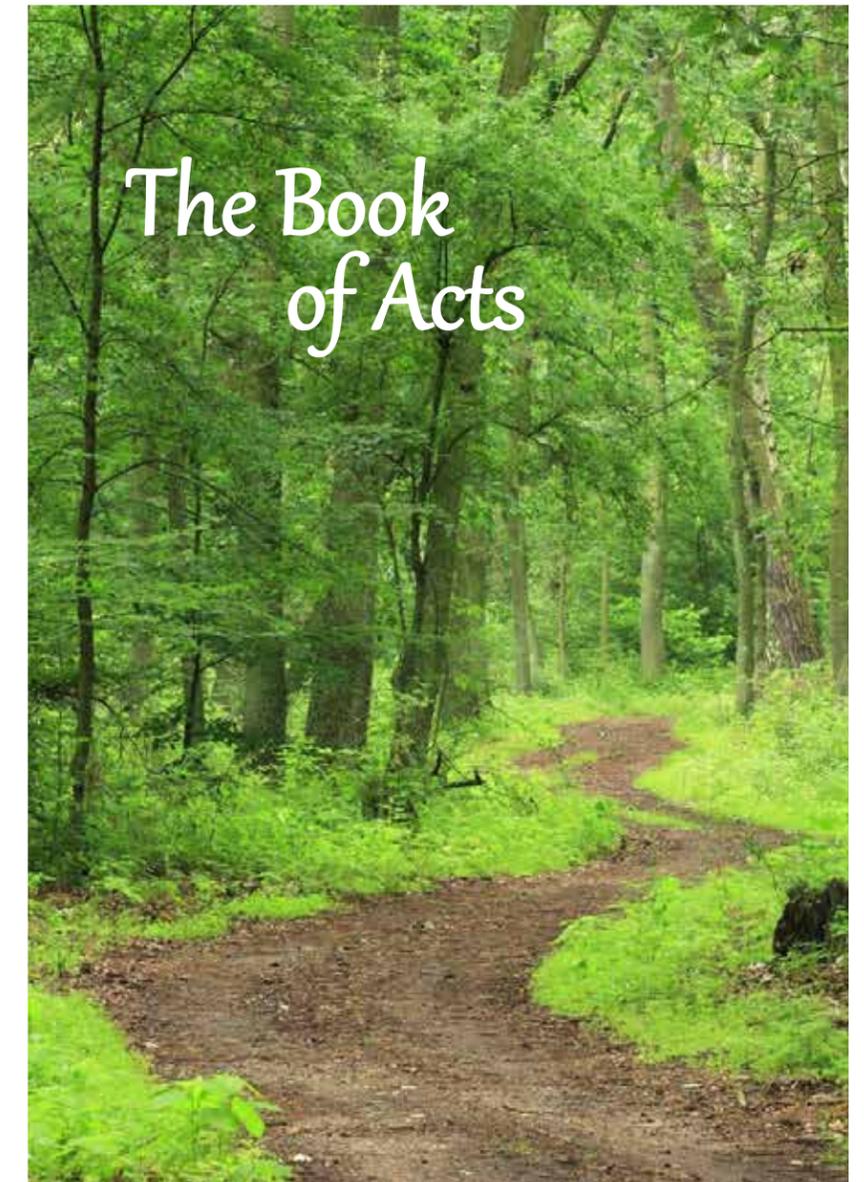


**FAMILY ADVENT**  
wreaths, candles, and devotion books  
are available for purchase in the front office for \$10.00

### 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, Music Associate - Organist
- Eric Vandiver, Music Associate - Pianist
- Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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The Book of Acts

November 15, 2015

# Worship

Prelude  
Tara Partington, organ

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Samuel Sche

Choral Introit  
Sanctuary Choir

*Worthy of Worship*  
York/Blankenship

\*Hymn of Praise 7

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy di-vine.**

\*Call to Worship

Ronney Joe Webb

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His  
presence with singing.**

Leader: Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made  
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**People: We are His sheep, and the sheep of His pasture.**

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**All: And His truth endureth to all generations. (Psalm 100)**

\*Invocation

Welcome to Worshipers

\*Doxology

During the singing of the Doxology all children are invited to  
come to the front for the Children's Sermon

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

\*Hymn

*In Christ Alone*

Anthem

Singing Seniors Choir

*Glory to His Name*  
arr. Marty Parks

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Clista Adkins

\*Hymn

*Before the Throne of God Above*

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied,  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I am,  
The King of glory and of grace.**  
*(continued)*

**One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rance Cram

Offertory Anthem

Sanctuary Choir  
Ruth Drummond, cello

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
arr. Eric Nelson

Sermon: Unhindered  
Acts 28

Jeff Raines

\*Hymn of Response

*Give Thanks*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son**

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Jesus Christ, His Son, give thanks.**

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Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

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Opportunities for Service

Katie Mussat

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand