



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:
Jeremiah 1-3; Psalm 98; Acts 26-28

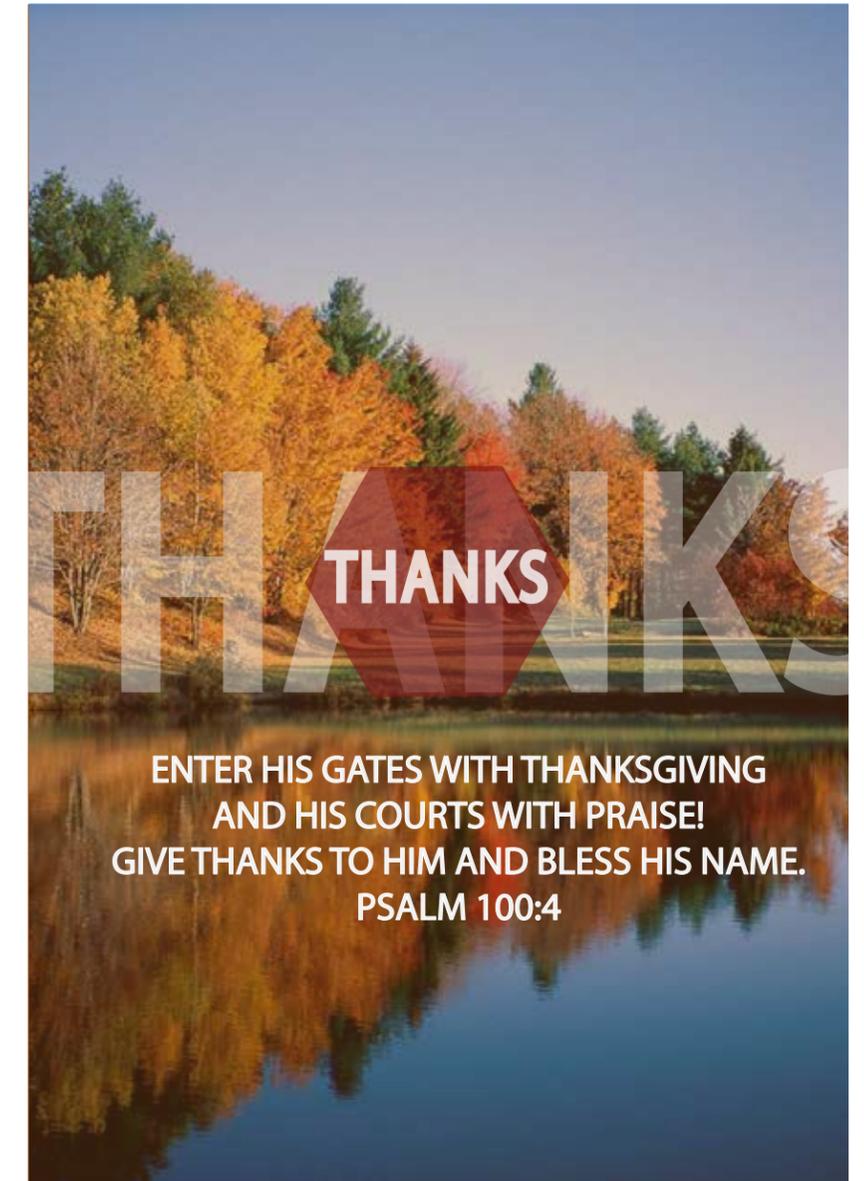
Today's worship service will be broadcast on KPXJ CW21 next Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

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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ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING
AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE!
GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND BLESS HIS NAME.
PSALM 100:4

November 22, 2015

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

Thanks Be to Thee
G. F. Handel

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

Worthy of Worship
York/Blankenship

*Hymn of Praise 637

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin,
God our Maker doth provide, for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest grant that we, wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow free from sin,
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
Come with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

*Call to Worship

Clista Adkins

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 us, and not we ourselves.

People: We are His sheep, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

People: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting.

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

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn 640

Let All Things Now Living

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

Testimony

Sarah Sherry

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Ronney Joe Webb

*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.**

**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, all 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

Seth Ostendorff

Offertory Anthem

Young Adult Ensemble, Eric Vanidiver, Director

Steal Away

Spiritual

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
arr. Benjamin Harlan/Gary Hallquist

Sermon: Count Your Blessings

Psalm 100

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**

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

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks**

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand