



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.

The Highland Blessing is from 5:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, November 30 in the Highland Center gym. Contact Ronney Joe or Carol if you can serve.

Join the staff at an **All-Church Drop-In** Saturday, December 2 at the home of Clista and Glen Adkins, 2068 Fairwoods Drive in the Provenance sub-division. Come and enjoy light snacks and fellowship anytime between 2:00-5:00 pm.

The **WMU (pot luck) Brunch and Program** is Monday, December 4 at 9:30 am in the Parlor. The program focus will be the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and International Missions. There is no charge and all the ladies of the church are welcome.

Parent's Night Out is Friday, December 8 from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Activities Center. This will serve as the Children's Ministry Christmas Party. Register with Meredith.

The Children's Musical is Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 in the Chapel. They are asking for new toys for the children at The Gingerbread House. The collection box near the Chapel.

Deacon's Meeting is Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm in Hunter Hall room 110.

Youth Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Youth Center. The evening includes pizza, a tacky Christmas sweater contest, and a \$10.00 gift exchange. See Katie with details or questions.

The **Common Ground Christmas Market** is Saturday, December 16. There are many needs for this event. Please check your Sunday School box or at the front desk for the flyers with the details.

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

Prelude Tara Partington, organ

Choral Introit O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Sanctuary Choir German Carol

*Hymn of Praise 77 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

*Invocation Clista Adkins

Welcome to Worshippers

Journey to Bethlehem

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Hymn 86 O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!
(continued)

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! descend to us, we pray!;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us to-day!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Scripture Reading Katie Mussat
1 Timothy 6:17-19 (pew Bible page 841)

*Hymn 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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Robin Grubbs

Offertory Anthem Lo, How a Rose/The Rose
Sanctuary Choir, Darcie Raines, soloist arr. Craig Johnson

Sermon: Afflicted with Abundance Jeff Raines
Exodus 16 (pew Bible page 51)

*Hymn of Response

Give Thanks

Chorus:
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.
(chorus)

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.
(chorus)

Opportunities for Service Ronney Joe Webb

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