



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:

We invite the church to memorize Colossians 3:12-17 during the month of November.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-17 NIV

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 a gift for you. If one of our church family has not handed you a packet, we hope that you will take one! Packets 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.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Global Mission Emphasis is December 4-11. Our WMU will host a program and luncheon in the Parlor at 10:30 am on Monday, December 5. Guest speakers will be Cindy & Keith Morgan, missionaries to Macao. The cost for lunch is \$7.00.

Parent's Night Out is scheduled for Friday, December 9 from 6:00-9:00 pm. This will serve as the Children's Ministry Christmas party. Sign up in Sunday School or by contacting Meredith.

Join us at our **All-church Drop-in** on Saturday, December 10 from 2:00-5:00 pm at the home of Clista & Glen Adkins, 2068 Fairwoods Dr.. Light snacks will be provided.

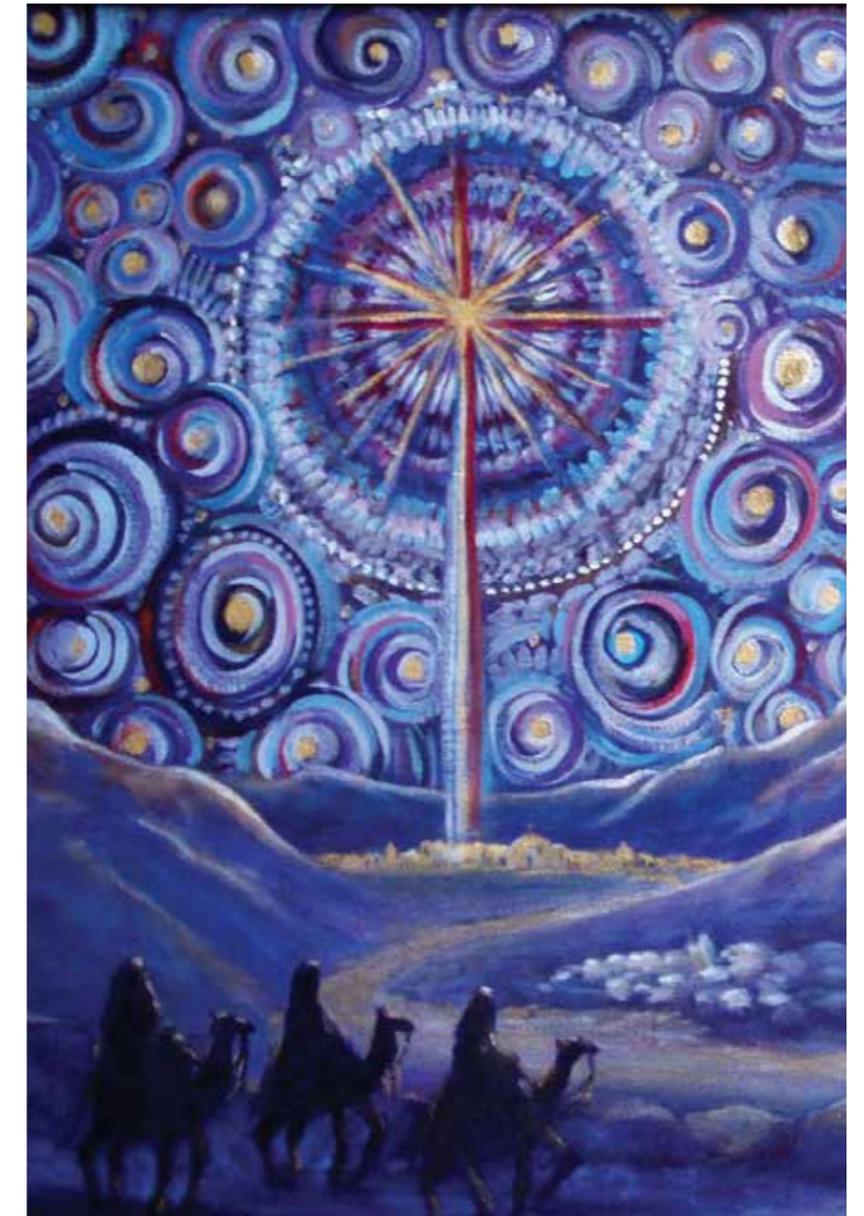
Our **Children's Musical, A Child's View**, will be Sunday evening, December 11, at 5:00 pm in Frost Chapel.

Check out your December Chimes for an opportunity to help our newest ministry partner, **Common Ground of Shreveport**. Details can also be found in the front office or in your Sunday School boxes.

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
- 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 *Savior of the Nations, Come*
Tara Partington, organ *Max Reger*

Choral Introit *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Sanctuary Choir *Plainsong*

*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 every 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.**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace
Phil, Jessica, Madelyn, and Adele Palacios

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the Sunday
in which we recall the Peace we have in Jesus
Christ.

**People: God so loved the world, that he sent His only
Son to the world.**

Leader: Today we light the Advent candle of Peace.

All: Behold the glow of God's light—the gift of Peace.

*Invocation

Welcome to Worshipers *Jeff Raines*

Parent-Child Dedication *Meredith Hanna and Jeff Raines*
Samantha Rose Sangsura

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Minister: Parents, do you receive your child with gratitude as a sacred gift from God to your family? Do you commit to one another as parents, providing a stable home and a safe place for your child to develop? Will you work to show in your parenting those characteristics set before us in Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control?

Parents: We will.

Minister: Congregation, raising a child is a great task. Will you commit to supporting this family, encouraging them, and praying for them? Will you commit to model Christ for this child and to demonstrate dedication to God and service to one another?

Congregation: We will.

*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

*Hymn *Ten Thousand Reasons*

Chorus:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)**

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.**

Scripture Reading *Katie Mussat*
Luke 2:25-35 (pew Bible page 725)

*Hymn 94

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Amy Ostendorff*

Offertory Solo *Breath of Heaven*
Jamie Huguet, soloist *Amy Grant and Chris Eaton*

Anthem *An Advent Carol: O Come Emmanuel*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Joseph Martin*
Gale Odom, directing

Sermon: When Jesus Didn't Know the Answer *Jeff Raines*
Matthew 24:36-42 (pew Bible page 701)

*Hymn of Response 93 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Opportunities for Service *Ronney Joe Webb*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand