



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

## Announcements:

SCRIPTURE READING FOR NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 10-13; Psalm 133; Luke 6-8

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

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service** is Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Our Church Offices** will be closed December 24, 25, and 28 as well as December 31 and January 1. Have a blessed holiday season.

The Season of Anticipation & Celebration: We invite the church family to memorize Luke 2: 8-16 in the month of December.

**And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."**

**Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."**

**When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."**

**So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.**

## The Orchestra

### Violin I

Matt Albert  
Hannah Kwon  
Jiah Kyun  
Elizabeth Grondin  
Robert Schaumburg

### Violin II

Russell Lewis  
Gary Bruns  
Jennifer Miranne  
Elaine Webb

### Viola

Borys Smolaga  
Adrienne Gabriel  
Sherri Fleshner

### Cello

Ruth Drummond  
Claudia Sullivan

### Bass

Peter Haas

### Flute

Sally Horak  
Kara Compton

### Oboe

Theresa Z. Bridges  
Stewart Williams

### Organ

Tara Partington

### Clarinet

Thomas Phillips  
Sandra Clark

### Bassoon

Ann Shoemaker

### French Horn

Kristine Coreil  
James Boldin  
Joshua Waldrop  
Magan Bass

### Trumpet

Michael Scarlato  
Adam Hudlow  
Lewis Smith

### Trombone

James Layfield  
Larry Holbert  
Mark Thompson

### Tuba

Steven Curtis

### Harp

Jennifer Betzer

### Percussion

Chandler Teague  
Douglas Parmelee  
Kenneth Green

### Piano

Eric Vandiver

## The Sanctuary Choir Glen Adkins, Director

Tara Partington and Eric Vandiver, Accompanists

### Sopranos

Martha Anderson  
Fran Barlow  
Marie Blair  
Ann Marie Butler  
Beverly Calhoun  
Corinne Carroll  
Nancy Chapman  
Summer Chapman  
Lani Duke  
Dolores Evans  
Dolores Gaddy  
Lauren Gates  
Barbara Glay  
Marilyn Green  
Fay Hardin  
Vivian Holman  
Jamie Huguet  
Patsy Jones  
Katie Beth Ongena  
Gale Odom  
Peggy Salley  
Stephanie Slack  
Leslie Townsend  
Mary Wilson

### Altos

Tonya Adair  
Donna Earnest  
Johnette Evans  
Joan Fulco  
Carolle Green  
Caitlin Harris  
Jeralyn Hovingh  
Ann Oakes  
Ann Ogletree  
Melba Oldham  
Amy Ostendorff  
Tara Partington  
Darcie Raines  
Alice Roberts  
Sarah Sherry  
Bitsy Smith  
Lora Teutsch  
Heather Vandiver

### Tenors

Clista Adkins  
Mary Adkins  
Elmer Carr  
Daryl Griffin  
Robin Grubbs  
Glenn Jackson  
Ricky Jones  
Bud Levitt  
Aaron Mussat  
Michael Ostendorff  
Jim Roberts  
Brennan Teutsch  
Eric Vandiver  
Josh Yarbrough

### Basses

Ray Boswell  
Daniel Browne  
Judd Chapman  
Rance Cram  
Dick Day  
Roy Evans  
John Good  
Billy Guin  
Steve Heard  
Marvin Jones  
John Odom  
Josh Ongena  
Bob Stewart  
Harry Townsend

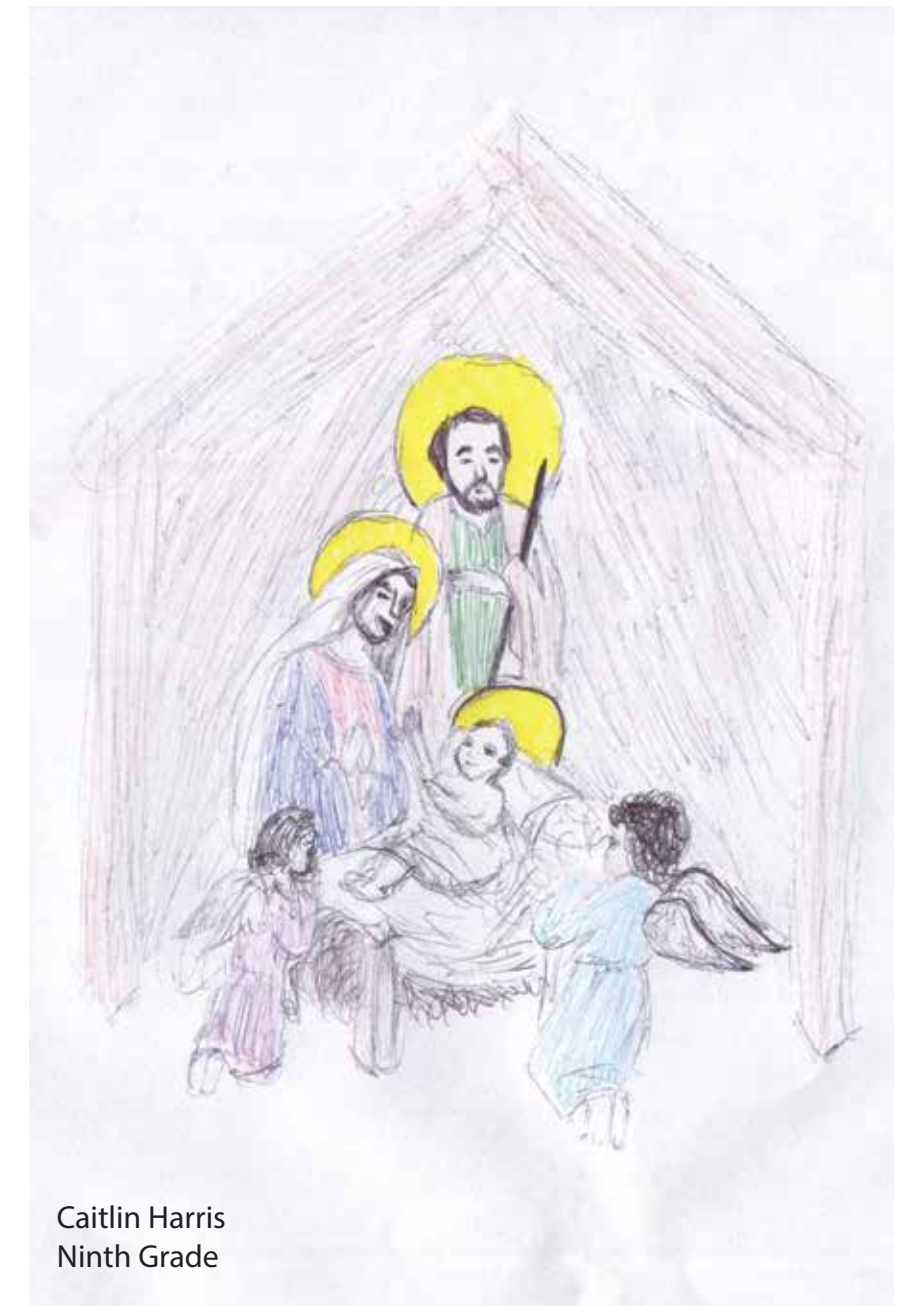
## First Baptist Handbell Choir Glen Adkins, Director

Clista Adkins  
Corinne Carroll  
Elissa Cram

Dick Day  
Libby Day  
Ruth Drummond

Dolores Evans  
Johnette Evans  
Jerry Malone

Amy Ostendorff  
Debbie Sayres  
Stephanie Slack  
Heather Vandiver



Caitlin Harris  
Ninth Grade

# Worship

Prelude Orchestra *A Christmas Fantasy*  
arr. Dan Goeller

\*Carol 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the king of angels:  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love Darcie and Jeff Raines  
Mark and Bereket

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Sunday  
in which we recall the Love we have in Christ.

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

Leader: Today we light the Advent candle of Love.

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

\*Invocation

Carol *Ding! Dong! Merrily On High*  
arr. Mack Wilberg

Welcome to Worshipers Jeff Raines

\*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

Carol *Angels' Carol*  
John Rutter

Carol *Breath of Heaven*  
arr. Craig Courtney  
Summer Chapman, soloist

\*Carol *How Great Our Joy*  
arr. John Rutter

*Choir and Congregation:*

**This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Mike Woods

A Carol Medley *arr. Robert Russell Bennett*  
*and Robert Shaw*

*What Child Is This?*  
*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*  
*Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*  
*Angels We Have Heard On High*

Sermon: A Child Is Born Jeff Raines  
Isaiah 9

Three Choruses from *Messiah* George Frederic Handel

**And the glory of the Lord** shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together:  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

**For unto us a Child is born**, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon His shoulder;  
and His name shall be called,  
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

**Glory to God**, Gale Odom, Soprano

There were shepherds abiding in the field,  
keeping watch over their flocks by night.  
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,  
and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not,  
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
And suddenly there was with the angel,  
a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God, and saying:  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace on earth, good will towards men.  
(Luke 2:8-14)

\*Carol of Response *Joy to the World*  
George Frederic Handel  
arr. Mack Wilberg

*Choir and Congregation:*  
**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.**

Opportunities for Service Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ Jeff Raines

\*Benediction

\**Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah* George Frederic Handel

**Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become  
The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.** (Revelation 11:15; 19:6, 16)

Postlude Orchestra *A Christmas Fantasy (Reprise)*  
arr. Dan Goeller

\*Please stand