



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:

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 Children's Musical is this evening at 5:00 in the Chapel. Those attending are invited to bring a new toy for the children at The Gingerbread House. There will be a collection box near the Chapel.

Deacon's Meeting scheduled for this evening has been cancelled.

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.

Falalalala Family Christmas is Wednesday, December 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to perform or help with table decorating please contact Glen Adkins or Amy Ostendorff.

Domino Night is Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 pm in the Activities Center. Take a break from shopping and come relax a bit.

The **Christmas music** service next Sunday, December 17 will begin at **10:20 am!**

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be used in decorating First Baptist Church for Christmas. You can take part by donating one or more plants for this purpose and designating your gift in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to take part, please fill out the form below, attach \$8.50 per plant, and return it to the church office by Monday, December 11.

Name of Purchaser(s): _____
of plants purchased _____ @ \$8.50 each Amount attached: \$ _____
Name of person(s) in whose _____ honor or _____ memory the plant is given.

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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Allie Johnston

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

Middleton Hall Prayer Capsule



To contribute pick up a form in the front office.

Middleton Hall Prayer Capsule

Construction on the new Middleton Hall is progressing on schedule and after Christmas the foundation will be poured.

Instead of a time capsule, we will be doing a prayer capsule to be placed in the concrete foundation of the new building. We will literally be building upon God's word. This is fitting since both the capital campaign and the resulting construction project are the culmination of the prayers of so many members of the First Baptist family and ultimately the guidance and blessings of God.

If you would like to contribute there are forms in the front office. You may use a scripture that is meaningful to your family or a prayer for the new building. You can do this anonymously or include your name on it. These will also be saved in a book or a framed poster to be put on display in the new Middleton Hall building.

Let's build a proper foundation for our newest school building together! Please return forms to the front office by Thursday, December 21.

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

Swiss Noel
Louis Claude Daquin

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
German Carol

*Carol of Praise 88

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see, hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Kathy & Milton Hostetler

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today is the second 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 Worshippers

Parent-Child Dedication

Matthew Scott Isaacs and John Luke Hinze

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 these families, encouraging them, and praying for them? Will you commit to model Christ for these children and to demonstrate dedication to God and service to one another?

Congregation: We will.

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

Catalonian Carol
FBC Handbell Choir

Fum, Fum, Fum
arr. Gregory Pysh

Scripture Reading
Matthew 2:1-12 (pew Bible page 681)

Skyler Vandiver

Carol
Children's Choir, Heather Vandiver, Director
Soloists: Madelyn Palacios, Sam Greer, Bereket Raines, and Liam Sherry

There Was Love
arr. Mark Burrows

*Carol 100

Angels We Have Heard On High

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains:
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
(continued)

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Addison Yarbrough

Handbell Offertory
FBC Handbell Choir

Carol of the Bells
arr. Mykola Leontovich

Anthem
Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir

Alleluia! Christ Is Born!
Joseph Martin

Sermon: Advent Peace
Philippians 4:4-9 (pew Bible page 832)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 91

Silent Night, Holy Night

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction

The First Nowell

**Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord.
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.**

Postlude

*Please stand