



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.

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.

There will NOT be Sunday School next Sunday, December 24 or on Sunday, December 31.

Candles, Carols, & Children Christmas Eve service is Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Our **church offices** will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

Year-end Contribution Policy

In order to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service, any contributions which donors wish to be reported as 2017 deductible contributions must meet the following criteria:

1. If delivered in person, contributions must be received in the church business office no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 29.
2. If the contribution is mailed, it must be postmarked (not meter-dated) no later than December 31, 2017.
3. If the contribution is electronically sent, the sending date must be no later than December 31, 2017.

Any gift received on January 1, 2017 or later will be shown as a 2018 contribution.

IRS guidelines require that members who wish to itemize contribution deductions must have a copy of the church's contribution report when filing an income tax return. Reports will be mailed in January 2018.

The Sanctuary Choir Glen Adkins, Director Tara Partington and Eric Vandiver, Accompanists

Sopranos

Martha Anderson
Beverly Calhoun
Nancy Carey
Corinne Carroll
Summer Chapman
Lani Duke
Dolores Gaddy
Lauren Gates
Marilyn Green
Anna Griffin
Fay Hardin
Patsy Jones
Gale Odom
Peggy Salley
Stephanie Slack
Susie Tingle
Ella Grace Williams
Amye Wilson
Mary Wilson

Altos

Judy Edwards
Johnette Evans
Joan Fulco
Josie Hodges
Lisa Hodges
Katie Mussat
Melba Oldham
Amy Ostendorff
Darcie Raines
Alice Roberts
Terri Rovell
Cheryl Rubin
Sarah Sherry
Diane Steen
Renee Sugg
Lora Teutsch
Heather Vandiver
Mar'Sue Wilson

Tenors

Clista Adkins
Elmer Carr
Daryl Griffin
Robin Grubbs
Glenn Jackson
Ricky Jones
Phil Palacios
Jim Roberts
Brennan Teutsch
Josh Yarbrough

Basses

Bernard Bolton
Ray Boswell
Rance Cram
Dick Day
Wayne Garlington
John Good
Marvin Jones
Chuck Matthews
John Odom
Harry Townsend

The Orchestra

Violin I

Elizabeth Grondin
Callie Dean
Roman Carranza
Jennifer Miranne

Violin II

Elaine Webb
Robert Schaumburg
Emilio Castro
Rachel Provenza

Viola

Adrienne Gabriel
Todd Gabriel
Paul Adams

Cello

Ruth Drummond
David Jankowski

Bass

Lois Robinson

Flute

Sally Horak
Jennie McRae

Oboe

Theresa Z. Bridges
Luis Gallo Quintero

Organ

Tara Partington

Clarinet

Sandra Clark
William Nichols

Bassoon

Douglas Bakenhus

French Horn

Thomas Hundemer
James Boldin

Trumpet

Michael Scarlato
Adam Hudlow
Don Hardin

Trombone

Andrew Eden
Larry Holbert

Tuba

Crozet Duplantier

Timpani

Chandler Teague

Percussion

Josh Ongena
Michael Ostendorff

Piano

Eric Vandiver

Electric Bass

Malcolm Murchison

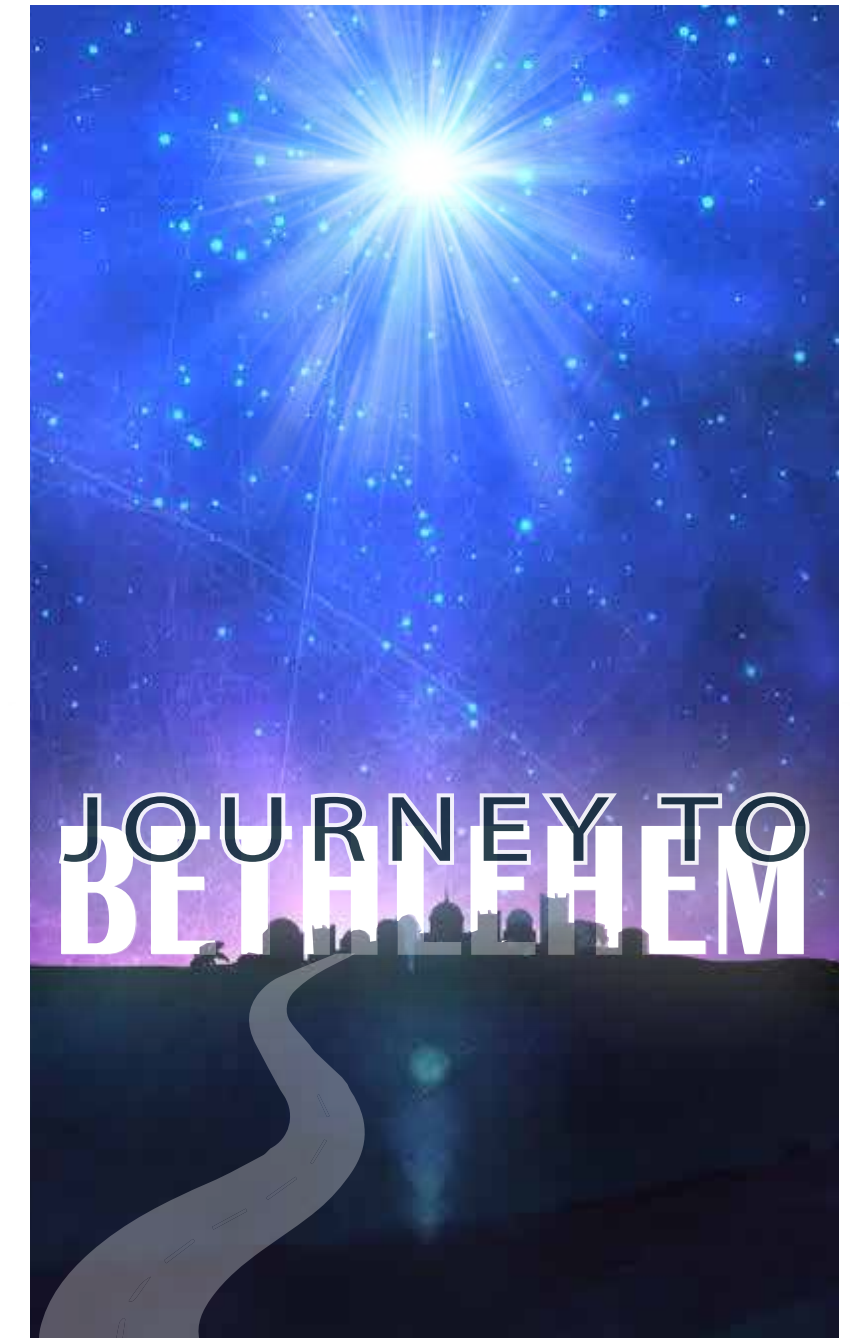
Electric Guitar

Nick Tingle

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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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

Worship

Prelude Music
Orchestra

Sleigh Ride
Leroy Anderson

Orchestra, Nick Tingle, electric guitar *Christmas Eve / Sarajevo*
O'Neill and Kinkel

*French Carol of Praise 89 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

**O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O, come ye, oh, 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,
O Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n 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 giv'n;
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 Joy The Harris Family
Richard, Sarah, Lily and James

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday
in which we recall the Joy 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 Joy.

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

*Invocation

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

Catalonian Carol *Fum, Fum, Fum!*
arr. Mack Wilberg

American Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
arr. Dan Forrest

English Carol *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*
Gale Odom, soloist John Rutter

English Carol The First Nowell

The congregation will be invited to stand and sing:

**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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Daryl Griffin

American Carol *Would I Miss the Miracle?*
Douglas Nolan

American Carol *Alleluia! Christ Is Born*
Joseph Martin

English Carol *How Far Is It to Bethlehem?*
Olivia Ostendorff, soloist arr. Mack Wilberg

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

Christmas Message Jeff Raines

*English Carol *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!"
(continued)**

**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 the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail! the heaven-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!"**

Opportunities for Service Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

Nigerian Carol *Betelehemu*
We are glad that we have a Father to trust,
We are glad that we have a Father to rely on,
Where was Jesus born? Bethlehem the city of wonder,
That is where the Father was born for sure,
Praise be to God, we thank Thee for this day,
Gracious Father, Merciful Father.

*Benediction

*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 *Sing We Now of Christmas*
Tara Partington, organ arr. Owen Griffin

*Please stand