



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:

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.

### Announcements:

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

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

**Women on Mission** invites you to come and experience Indonesia through an International Mission Study. The presenter, Mrs. Joyce Hevrin, will take you through words, pictures, and prayer into a land of both great beauty and great spiritual darkness. She is currently the Chair of the WMU Council of Mission Study in our association. The program is Monday, January 4 and begins at 10:00 am in the Parlor.

**Service Saturday** is a new mission opportunity. Our first project will be prepping the plastic grocery bags we collected for crocheting. Meet us Saturday, January 9 at 9:00 am in Hunter Hall 115.

**Youth Music Team (YMT)** is kicking off Sunday, January 10 at 4:00 pm in the Youth Center. The group will be led by Heather Vandiver, Glen Adkins and Katie Mussat. If you sing or play an instrument please come!!

**Planet Wisdom** youth retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 26-Saturday, February 27. It is \$75.00 and will be held in Dallas, TX. Watch for details on the Youth Facebook page. **Registration deadline is Sunday, January 17.**

### Our Staff

- Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
- Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
- Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
- Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
- Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
- Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
- Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
- Tara Partington, Organist
- Heather Vandiver, Music Associate
- Eric Vandiver, Pianist
- Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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Jaxon Vandiver  
Fifth Grade

# Worship

Prelude *In Dulce Jubilo*  
Tara Partington, organ *arr. Remy Huyghe*

Call to Worship *Lord, I Need You*  
Elizabeth Farrell, Sarah Sherry *Matt Maher*  
and Heather Vandiver

\*Hymns *Arise Your Light Is Come*  
*Here I Am to Worship*

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.  
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.**

**Light of the World you stepped down into darkness,  
Open my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.**

*Chorus:*  
**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. (Chorus)**

\*Hymn *I Saw the Light*

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

*Chorus:*  
**I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more in darkness no more in night.  
(continued)**

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

**I was a fool to wander and stray,  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (Chorus)**

Welcome to Worshipers Ronney Joe Webb

\*Doxology

During the singing of the Doxology all children are invited to  
come to the front for the Children's Sermon

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

Testimony Matt Catha

\*Offertory Hymn Medley *The Light of the World Is Jesus*  
*Send the Light*

**The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,  
The Light of the world is Jesus!  
Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in;  
The Light of the world is Jesus!**

*Chorus:*  
**Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;  
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;  
Once I was blind, but now I can see:  
The Light of the world is Jesus!**

**No darkness have we who in Jesus abide;  
The Light of the world is Jesus!  
We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide!  
The Light of the world is Jesus! (Chorus)**

**Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes,  
The Light of the world is Jesus!  
Go, wash at His bidding, and Light will arise;  
The Light of the world is Jesus! (Chorus)**

**There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,  
Send the light! Send the light!  
(continued)**

**There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,  
Send the light! Send the light!**

*Chorus:*  
**Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;  
Let it shine from shore to shore!  
Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;  
Let it shine forevermore!**

**Let us not grow weary in the work of love,  
Send the light! Send the light!  
Let us gather jewels for a crown above,  
Send the light! Send the light! (Chorus)**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Heather Vandiver

Offertory Solo *Gesu Bambino*  
Leah Sayad, soloist *Pietro You*

Sermon: Minding the Light Ronney Joe Webb  
John 1:1-5

\*Hymn of Response 275 *I Surrender All*

**All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.  
*Chorus:*  
I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.  
(Chorus)**

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Benediction

Postlude *I Saw the Light*

\*Please stand