



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:

Year-end giving

A significant portion of our giving for the year happens in December. Based on giving year-to-date, our goal for December is \$320,400. We are marking our progress toward that goal on the Christmas tree. Please remember your church family as you make your end of year giving plans.



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.

Our church office will be closed Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 in observance of the new year.

A new **Women's Bible Study** begins Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm and on Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 am. The study is *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer. It is a 7 week study that meets in Hunter Hall 115. Workbooks will be available at the first session for \$15.00 each. Childcare is available on Wednesdays only with a prior reservation. Call the church office.

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:

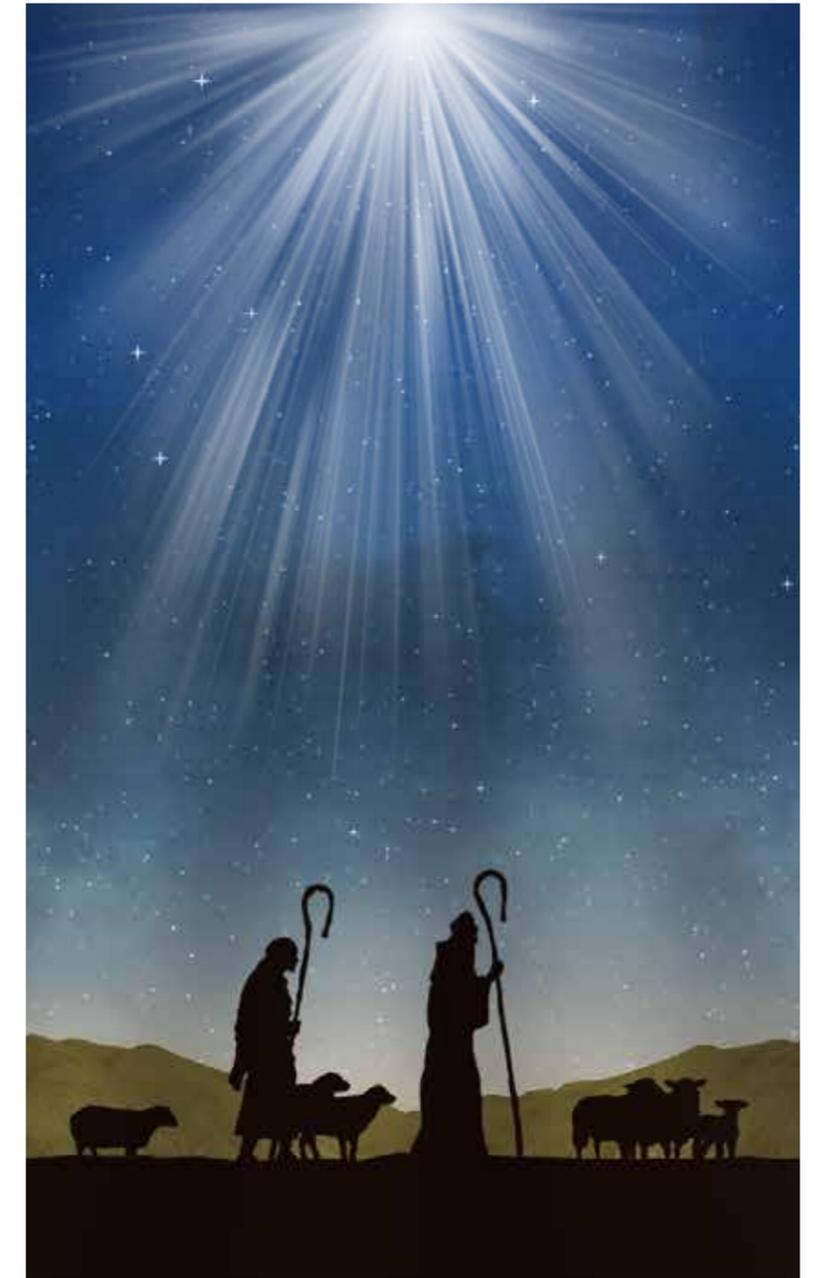
1. If delivered in person, contributions must be received in the church business office no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 29 or turned in on Sunday, December 31.
2. If the contribution is mailed, it must be postmarked (not meter-dated) no later than December 31, 2017.
3. If the contribution is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

Any gift received on January 1, 2018 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.

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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December 31, 2017

Worship

Prelude Tara Partington, organ

*Carol of Praise 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 His natal 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**

Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

*Carol 118 *What Child Is This*

**What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
(continued)**

**Chorus:
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear: for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading,
(Chorus)**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant king to own Him,
The King of Kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
(Chorus)**

Scripture Reading Heather Vandiver
John 1:1-9, 14 (pew Bible page 750)

*Carol 113 *We Three Kings*

**We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on high.**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**Glorious now behold him arise: King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.**

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Meredith Hanna

Piano Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*
Eric Vandiver, piano Dino

Solo *Here With Us*
Heather Vandiver, soloist Joy Williams

Sermon: Did We Miss It? Ronney Joe Webb
Luke 2 (pew Bible page 724)

*Hymn of Response 95 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Chorus:
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold thro'-out the heavens, there shone a holy light. (Chorus)**

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior's birth. (Chorus)**

**Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn. (Chorus)**

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