



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:

We invite the church to memorize Isaiah 9:6 during the month of December.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6

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 a gift for you. If one of our church family has not handed you a packet, we hope that you will take one! Packets 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.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Global Mission Emphasis is December 4-11. Our WMU will host a program and luncheon tomorrow in the Parlor at 10:30 am. Guest speakers will be Cindy & Keith Morgan, missionaries to Macao. The cost for lunch is \$7.00.

Parent's Night Out is scheduled for Friday, December 9 from 6:00-9:00 pm. This will serve as the Children's Ministry Christmas party. Sign up by contacting Meredith.

Join us at our **All-church Drop-in** on Saturday, December 10 from 2:00-5:00 pm at the home of Clista & Glen Adkins, 2068 Fairwoods Dr. Light snacks will be provided.

Our **Children's Musical, A Child's View**, will be Sunday evening, December 11, at 5:00 pm in Frost Chapel.

Check out your December Chimes for an opportunity to help our newest ministry partner, **Common Ground of Shreveport**. Details can also be found in the front office or in your Sunday School boxes.

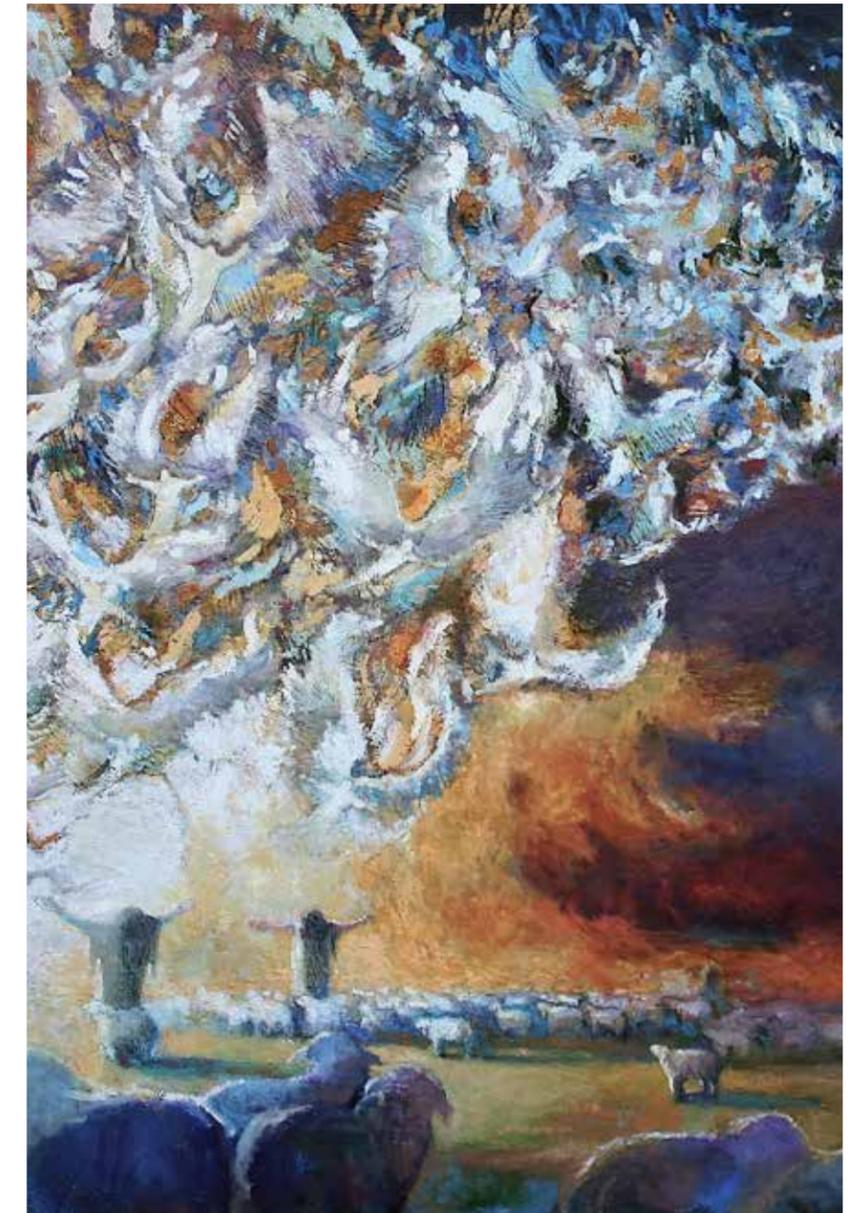
Poinsettias will be used in decorating First Baptist Church for Christmas. You can take part by donating one or more plants for this purpose and designating your gift in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to take part, please fill out the form below, attach \$8.50 per plant, and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 12**.

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
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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Worship

Prelude Tara Partington, organ

Choral Introit Sanctuary Choir *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
arr. Joseph Martin

*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 heav'n 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 Sun 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 Hope
The Adams, Hinze, Isaacs and Williams family

*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 Hope 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 Hope.

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

*Invocation

Welcome to Worshipers Jeff Raines

Parent-Child Dedication Meredith Hanna and Jeff Raines
Patton Russell Mabray

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 this family, encouraging them, and praying for them? Will you commit to model Christ for this child and to demonstrate dedication to God and service to one another?

Congregation: We will.

*Doxology

Children's Sermon Jeff Raines

*Carol *Mary Did You Know*

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day walk on water?**

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would save our sons and daughters?**

**Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.**

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
will give sight to a blind man?**

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
will calm the storm with His hand?**

**Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God?
Mary did you know?**

**The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.
Mary, did you know?**
(continued)

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
is Lord of all creation?**

**Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day rule the nations?**

**Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding is the Great I Am.**

Scripture Reading Katie Mussat
Luke 2:1-7 (pew Bible page 724)

*Hymn 85 *The First Nowell*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Billy Tingle

Offertory *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*
Eric Vandiver, piano *arr. Dino Kartsonakis*

Anthem *Your Light Has Come*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Joseph Martin*

Sermon: The Foolishness of God Jeff Raines
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (pew Bible page 807)

*Hymn of Response 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!**

Opportunities for Service Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand