



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:

Focal verse for February:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35 NIV

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.

Our **Online Church Directory** is now available. If we don't have your photo, it's not too late. Please get it to us as soon as possible. You may bring it in to the office or email/message it to any staff member. You may also upload it directly to the website, if you would like.

Our **Media Ministry** needs volunteers. If you would be interested in operating a camera or computer during our morning worship service, please contact Glen Adkins at 841-8434.

Church Conference is today following morning worship.

Deacon's Meeting is this evening at 6:30 in Hunter Hall room 110.

Youth Spring Break Mission Trip will be March 26-31 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Cost per student is \$300.00 each. We are in need of full or partial scholarships. Deadline to sign up is February 26.

The **First Baptist Church School** Board of Trustees is accepting nominations for board members until February 28, 2017. Please submit names to May May May (FBCS Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Chair) mayx3@comcast.net or Susie Holton (FBCS Board of Trustees Chair) spholton@bellsouth.net.

The **WMU Program and Luncheon** on Monday, March 6 will have an emphasis toward the upcoming Annie Armstrong Easter offering as well as North American Missions. Special guests will be church planters Emily and Josh Blackwell. Emily is the daughter of our own Alice and Ted Roberts. The meal will be \$6.00 per person.

A new **Women's Bible Study** will kick off Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, March 1 at 9:30 am. It will be a seven week study of *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. Workbooks will be available at the first session for \$14.00 each. Childcare is available on Wednesday mornings by reservation only.

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 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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February 12, 2017

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
Johann Pachelbel

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir
Don Hardin, trumpet

A Mighty Fortress
arr. Mark Patterson

*Hymn of Praise 8

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thro' us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

*Invocation Ronney Joe Webb

Welcome to Worshippers

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

Let the River Flow

**Let the poor man say I am rich in Him,
Let the lost man say I am found in Him,
Let the river flow!**

**Let the blind man say I can see again,
Let the dead man say I am born again,
Let the river flow, let the river flow!**

**Let the river flow, let the river flow!
Holy Spirit come, move in power, let the river flow!**

Scripture Reading
Psalm 18:1-3 (pew Bible page 389)

Clista Adkins

*Hymn

Mighty to Save

**Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me,
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
The Hope of nations.**

Chorus:
**Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.**

**So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,
Fill my life again,
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in,
Now I surrender. (Chorus)**

**Shine your light, and let the whole world see, we're singing
for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light, and let the whole world see, we're singing
for the glory of the risen King. (Chorus)**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anna Griffin

Offertory

Eric Vandiver, piano

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir
Don Hardin, trumpet

God Is Our Refuge and Strength
Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear,

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God,
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, we are His hands, He will lead us,
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate His presence all the day long.

He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us,
He is the air, we are His song,
We will celebrate His presence all the day long.

Sermon: A Mighty Fortress
Psalm 61 (pew Bible page 409)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 42

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.**

**There's not a plant or flow'r below,
But makes your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.**

Opportunities for Service

Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

Church in Conference

*Please stand