



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:

Sponsor a Youth: Our youth, grades 6-12 have several amazing opportunities coming up in the near future. These camps and trips can be life changing and we want each youth that wants to attend to be able to. Unfortunately, some will not have the chance to go because of their financial situation. It is for this reason we ask you to sponsor a youth for one or more of these trips. You may give the entire cost or pay for any portion of one or more. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to help! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The events and prices are as follows: spring break mission trip-\$350.00, summer camp- \$300.00; and a high school only mission trip. Prayerfully consider how you can give a child one or more of these wonderful opportunities.

THE JOURNEY



FINDING OUR STORY
IN GOD'S STORY

February 25-March 3: Matthew 19-28

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.

Souper, Shooper & Socks collection. Soup, new or gently used shoes, and new socks will be collected through the month of February and will be donated to local charities. You can present your gifts any Sunday during worship or place them in the marked barrels in the halls. There will be members of the Missions Committee at the front on Sundays to help receive your gifts.

Make plans to attend **A Night on Broadway** Sunday, March 4 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be excerpts from *My Fair Lady*, *The Lion King*, *Hamilton*, *The Little Mermaid* and more. It will be amazing! Don't miss it!

The **First Baptist Church School Board of Trustees** is accepting nominations for Board members until March 5, 2018. Please submit names to Susie Holton (FBCS Board of Trustees Chair) at spholton@bellsouth.net

A new **Women's Bible Study** begins Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, March 7 at 9:30 am. The study will be *The Inheritance* by Beth More with listening guides for \$6.00 each. It will be held in Hunter Hall room 115.

Our Staff

- Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
- 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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February 25, 2018

Worship

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ

Canon on O Darkest Woe
Camil Van Hulse

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

On Eagle's Wings
Michael Joncas

*Hymn of Praise 7

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

*Opening Sentences

Meredith Hanna

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the second Sunday of Lent, and we have
come to offer to God the worship of our souls.

**People: In our worship and our reflection we ponder the
intentional journey Jesus made toward the cross.**

Leader: Let us listen intently for the voice of the Lord that God
may bless us.

**People: May we follow the path of Christ who gave his life
that we might know abundant life.**

*Invocation

Welcome to Worshippers

Children's Choir

I Love to Tell the Story

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn 143

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be;
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.**

Scripture Reading
Psalm 99:1-9 (pew Bible page 427)

Ronney Joe Webb

*Hymn

Speak, O Lord

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today.
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
(continued)**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds ,
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jerry Drummond

Offertory
Ruth Drummond, cello; Sally Horak, flute

Larghetto and Gavotte from Sonata in C Major
G. F. Handel

Anthem
Sanctuary Choir, Gale Odom directing

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
arr. Eric Nelson

Sermon: Thy Kingdom Come
Matthew 13 (pew Bible page 690)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 350

The Church's One Foundation

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by spirit and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

Opportunities for Service

Katie Mussat

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction

Christ Go Before You

**Christ go before you, Christ go behind you, Christ go beside you,
Christ go within you, Christ go beneath you, Christ go above you.**

Postlude

*Please stand