



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 JOURNEY



FINDING OUR STORY
IN GOD'S STORY

March 18-24: Exodus 21-31

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 **March collection** is pre-filled plastic eggs and bags of candy. **Scramble Up South Highlands** is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 am and we need your help to make it a success for all the children that will be in attendance!

WMU Brunch & Program focusing on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions will be tomorrow at 9:30 am in the Parlor. Everyone is asked to bring a brunch dish. The week of prayer is the 18th through the 24th.

The **Mopar Car Show** will be Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in the parking lots and Activities Center.

There will be **no evening activities Wednesday, March 28** due to schools' Spring Break.

As is the tradition, lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. You can take part by donating one or more plants and designating your gift in memory or honor of loved ones. Please fill out the form below, attach \$12.00 per plant, and return it to the church office by **Monday, March 26**. Your lily may be taken home following the service Easter Sunday.

Name of Purchaser(s): _____

of plants _____ @ \$12.00. Amount attached: \$ _____

Name of person(s) in whose _____ honor or _____ memory the plant is given.

Our Staff

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

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March 18, 2018

Worship

Prelude
Tara Heeter, organ

O Worship the King
Robert A. Hobby

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir

Down to the River to Pray
Spiritual

*Hymn of Praise 16

O Worship the King

**O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*Opening Sentences

Katie Mussat

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the fifth 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 to 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 Worshipers

Parent Child Dedication

Meredith Hanna

*Doxology

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

*Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Scripture Reading
Psalm 23 (pew Bible page 392)

Ronney Joe Webb

*Hymn 176

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
(continued)

Beautiful Saviour, Lord of all nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sarah Harris

Offertory Anthem
Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Drummond, cello

Beautiful Savior
arr. Fettke/Adkins

Sermon: Behold the Lamb
Exodus 12:1-13 (pew Bible page 48)

Jeff Raines

*Hymn of Response 475

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ry one, and there's a cross for me.

How happy are the saints above, who once went sorrowing here!
But now they taste unmingled love and joy without a tear.

The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;
And then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day!
When Christ the Lord from heav'n comes down,
And bears my soul away.

Opportunities for Service

Meredith Hanna

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Congregational Benediction

Christ Go Before You

5 Christ go be - fore you, Christ go be - hind you,
9 Christ go be - side you, Christ go with - in you,
Christ go be - neath you, Christ go a - bove you.

Postlude

*Please stand