



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:

#### Special thanks to the instrumentalists in today's service

<b>Trumpet</b> Francisco Ballestas Don Hardin Lewis Smith	<b>French Horn</b> Adam Black Colin Mc Rae	<b>Timpani/Percussion</b> Chandler Teague Heather Vandiver
<b>Trombone</b> Larry Holbert Terry Hopkins	<b>Tuba</b> Crozet Duplantier	<b>Organ</b> Tara Heeter
		<b>Piano</b> Eric Vandiver

### THE JOURNEY



FINDING OUR STORY  
IN GOD'S STORY

March 25-31 : Exodus 32-40

### 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!

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

The **church offices** will be closed for Good Friday on Friday, March 30.

**Stations of the Cross Prayer Experience** will be available in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 30 from noon to 6:00 pm and Saturday morning, March 31 from 9:00 - noon.

**Holy Week Service** is Friday evening March 30 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

**Scramble Up South Highlands** is Saturday, March 31 beginning at 9:00 am on the front lawn.

**Deacon March Madness** is planned for April 6 at 6:00 pm in the Activities Center with a cost of \$10.00 per person. This will be a time of food, fun and fellowship for all the deacons of the church. There will be some healthy competition and lots of laughs! All deacons are encouraged to attend. There will be a brief meeting.

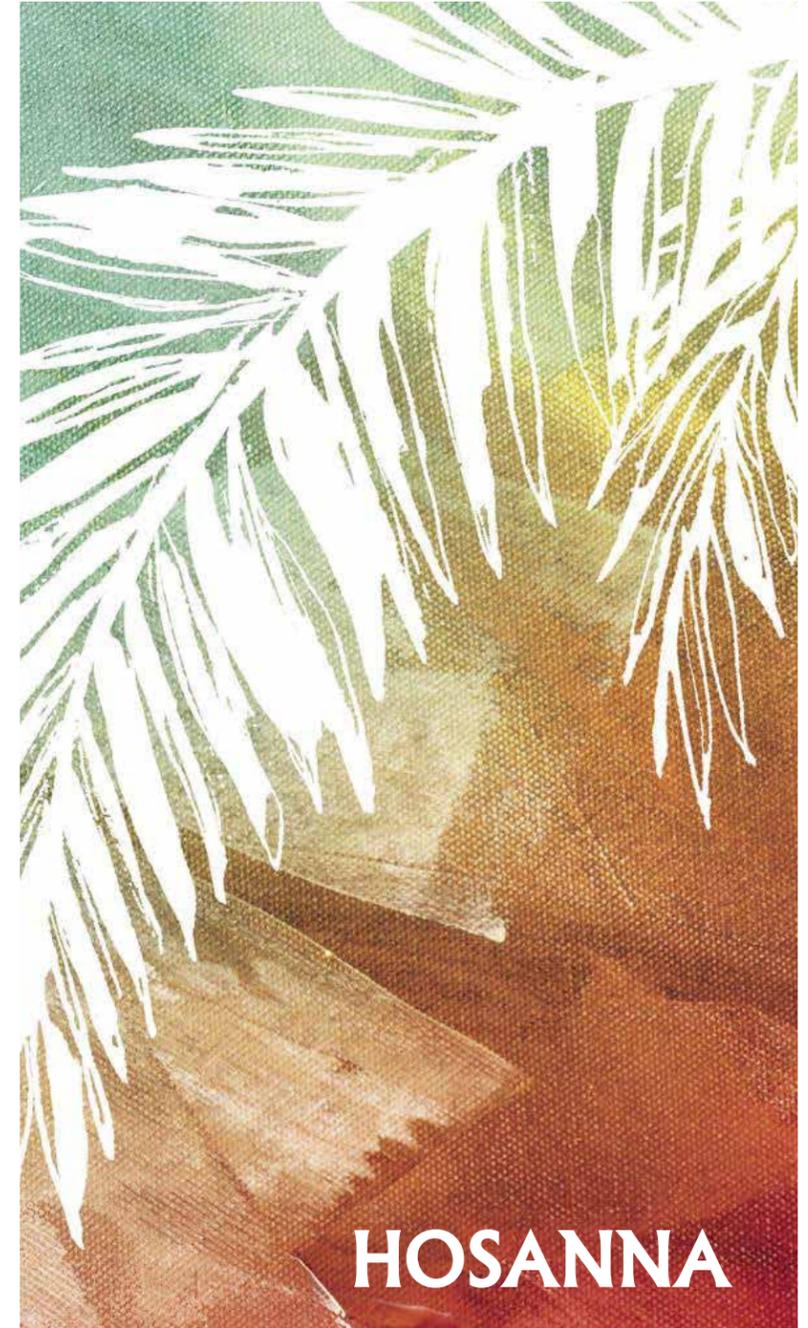
As is the tradition, lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. You can take part by donating one or more plants and designating your gift in memory or honor of loved ones. Please fill out the form below, attach \$12.00 per plant, and return it to the church office by **Monday, March 26**. 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.  
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#### 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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Palm Sunday  
March 25, 2018

# Worship

Prelude  
Brass Choir and Organ

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
*arr. Vaclav Nelhybel*

Choral Introit *Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir *David Danner*

\*Hymn of Praise 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**  
**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,**  
**Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,**  
**Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,**  
**Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,**  
**Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky, and sea;**  
**Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Call to Worship *Meredith Hanna*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: As we begin this Holy Week, let us be ready to  
journey with our Lord, no matter the cost.

**People: We will journey with Christ to the highest places  
of life and through the darkest valleys. For God in  
Christ is our strength and our refuge.**

Leader: Then let us give thanks to God who has so richly  
blessed us; let us praise God whose steadfast love  
endures forever.

**All: This is the day which the Lord has made. We will  
rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Invocation

Welcome to Worshippers

Anthem *Little Grey Donkey, arr. Natalie Sleeth*  
Children's Choirs *We're Marching to Zion*

\*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

Anthem *Hosanna*  
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Leinbach/Adkins*

\*Hymn *Blessed Be Your Name*

**Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful,**  
**Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.**  
**Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,**  
**Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.**

*Chorus:*

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.**  
**When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,**  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.**  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.**

**Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me,**  
**When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.**  
**Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering,**  
**Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (Chorus)**

**You give and take away, You give and take away.**  
**My heart will choose to say, You give and take away. (repeat)**  
*(Chorus)*

Scripture Reading *Olivia Ostendorff*  
*Matthew 21:1-11 (pew Bible page 697)*

\*Hymn 130 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;**  
**Thro' pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.**  
**To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,**  
**The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**  
(continued)

**From Olivet they followed among the joyful crowd;**  
**The vict'ry palm branche waving, with praises clear and loud.**  
**The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,**  
**Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.**

**Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing;**  
**For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.**  
**O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,**  
**And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Clista Adkins*

Offertory Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Mallory/Adkins*

Sermon: The Roar of the Crowds *Jeff Raines*  
Exodus 23:1-9 (pew Bible page 56)

\*Hymn of Response 145 *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*

**Alas, and did my Savior bleed and did my Sov'reign die?**  
**Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?**  
**Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,**  
**When Christ the mighty Maker died for man, the creature's sin.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;**  
**Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.**

Opportunities for Service

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

Youth Memphis Mission Trip Commissioning

\*Congregational Response

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,**  
**That were a present far too small;**  
**Love so amazing, so divine,**  
**Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Postlude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

\*Please stand