



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

May 13-19: Romans 9-16

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.

Children's Summer Camps registration is now open! Register now on our website while space is available! www.fbcshreveport.org

Youth Summer Camp is still open for registration at www.fbcshreveport.org

Domino Night is Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 pm in the Activities Center

Join us for the **Ordination Service of Meredith Hanna**, on Saturday, May 19 at 4:00 pm in Frost Chapel. There will be a reception in the Parlor following the service.

There will be a **Childhood Education Meeting** Sunday, May 20 from 8:00-9:00 am in the Conference Room.

Youth Sunday will be Sunday, May 20. Our youth will lead every aspect of our morning worship service.

Family Summer Kick-Off is Sunday, May 20 beginning at 4:00 at G-Rock rock climbing facility. Following the fun, we will share a dutch treat dinner at Twisted Root. See Katie or Meredith to sign up or with questions. This is for all age children and youth as well as their families.

The Highland Blessing is Thursday, May 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Highland Center Gymnasium. Contact Ronney Joe (841-8421) or Carol (841-8420) if you can assist

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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May 13, 2018

Worship

Prelude *God be Praised*
Tara Heeter, organ *Heinrich Scheidemann*

Choral Introit *Down to the River to Pray*
Sanctuary Choir *Spiritual*

The Observance of Baptism *Katie Mussat*
Ann-Elise Appleton

*Hymn of Praise 39 *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
Beneath the standard of your God, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens fair,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praise declare.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Yes, on thro' life's long path, still singing as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
As warriors thro' the darkness toil till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*Invocation *Meredith Hanna*

Welcome to Worshippers

Giving God the Very First *Jeff Raines*

*Doxology

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

Trio *Day by Day*
Sarah Harris, Darcie Raines, and Heather Vandiver *Ahnfelt*

*Hymn *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see you.**

Scripture Reading *Katie Mussat*
John 15:12-17 (pew Bible page 764)

*Hymn 507 *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*

**Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
In our world of stress and tension teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.**

**From the homes in which we're nurtured,
With the love that shapes us there,
Teach us, God, to claim as family every one whose life we share.
And thro' all that life may offer, may we in Your love remain;
May the love we share in families be alive to praise Your name.**

**Let us reach beyond the boundries of our daily tho't and care
'Till the family You have chosen spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Jack Chaney*

Offertory *Andante Amabile*
Theresa Zale Bridges, oboe *Georg Telemann*

Anthem *Declare Your Maker's Praise*
Sanctuary Choir *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Sermon: The Rule of Love *Jeff Raines*
Romans 14:13-19 (pew Bible page 804)

*Hymn of Response 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Chorus:
**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (Chorus)**

Opportunities for Service *Meredith Hanna*

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

Postlude

*Please stand