



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:

### Announcements:

SCRIPTURE READING FOR NEXT WEEK:  
2 Samuel 23-24, Psalm 139, Acts 7-9

Today's worship service will be broadcast on KPXJ CW21 next Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

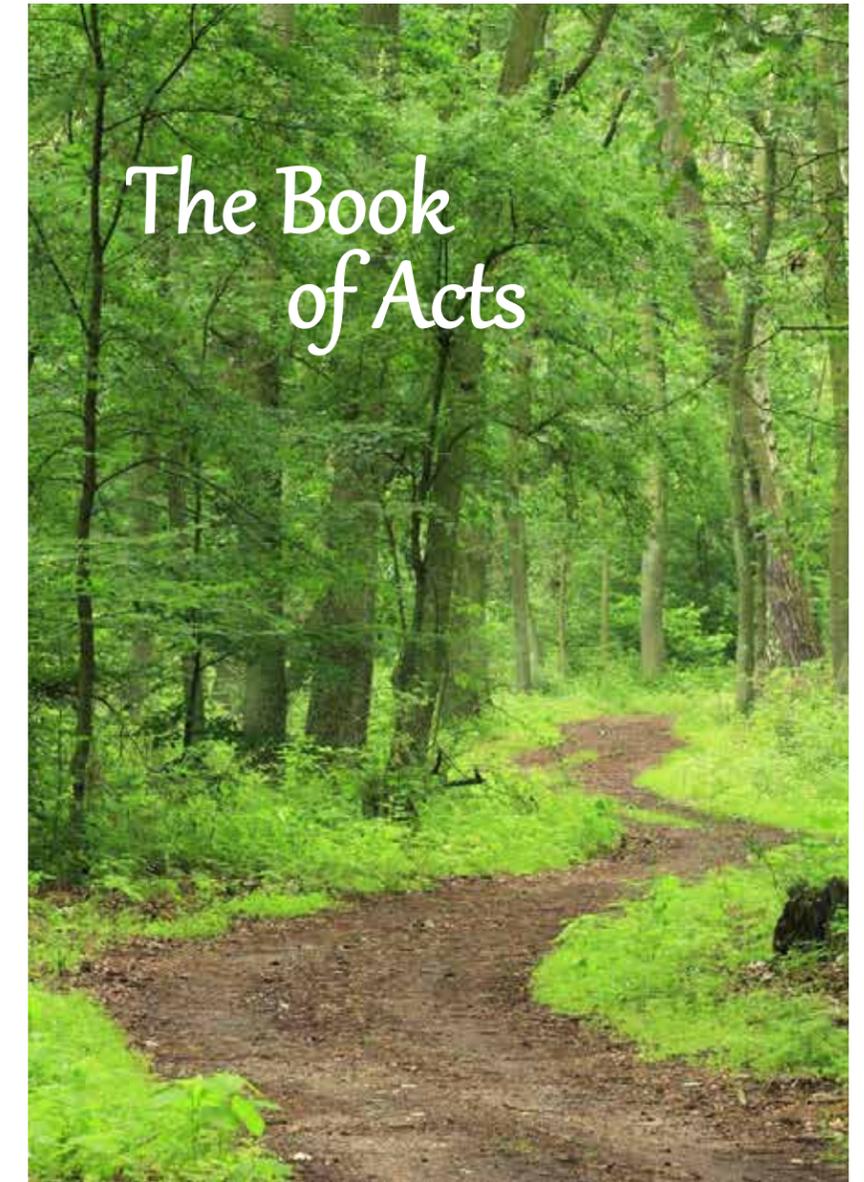
The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Jack M. Elgin on his birthday from Delena Elgin and her family.

The instrumentalists leading in worship today are Theresa Zale Bridges, oboe; Malcolm Murchison, guitar; Tara Partington, organ; Michael Ostendorff, percussion; Eric Vandiver, piano; and Mike Woods, bass

#### Our Staff

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

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# Worship

Prelude  
Tara Partington, organ

*Awake, My Soul*  
Johann Gottfried Walther

Choral Introit  
Sanctuary Choir

*Come Share the Lord*  
Bryan Jeffery Leech

\*Hymn of Praise

*O God of Vision*

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,  
Gather us now in Your presence, refreshing, redeeming.  
Show us anew-life in Your breath-taking view,  
Lovely beyond all our dreaming.

Pour out Your Spirit on all now assembled before You.  
May our diversity here be a means to adore You.  
Women and men-young, old and youthful again,  
Make us as one, we implore You.

Grateful we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken,  
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken  
Christ for us all! Come let us answer the call,  
Off'ring our lives as the token.

\*Opening Sentences

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: As have our sisters and brothers all across our  
nation and our world, we have gathered to worship and to  
remember the sacrificial gift of our Savior.

**People: In unity with believers everywhere we celebrate  
the communion that makes us one.**

Leader: Let us celebrate what brings us together. Let us lift  
our hearts and our voices in praise to our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus the Christ.

**People: With one voice we worship and declare,  
All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Invocation

Jeff Raines

Welcome to Worshipers

\*Doxology

During the singing of the Doxology all children are invited to  
come to the front for the Children's Sermon

Children's Sermon

Jeff Raines

\*Hymn

*This I Believe*

*Chorus*

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

*Final Chorus*

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Katie Mussat

\*Hymn

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
O Lord, have mercy on me

Let us drink the cup together on our knees  
Let us drink the cup together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
O Lord, have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
O Lord, have mercy on me

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bettye Ann McQueen

Offertory Anthem

Sanctuary Choir  
Theresa Zale Bridges, oboe

*Declare Your Maker's Praise*  
arr. Lloyd Larson

Sermon: The Open Table  
Acts 8

Jeff Raines

Holy Communion

Passing of the Bread  
Passing of the Cup

\*Hymn of Commitment 43

*This Is My Father's World*

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Parent-Child Dedication

Meredith Hanna and Jeff Raines

Brynn and Wyatt Middleton

Minister: Parents, do you receive your child with gratitude as a  
sacred gift from God to your family? Do you commit to one  
another as parents, providing a stable home and a safe place  
for your child to develop? Will you work to show in your  
parenting those characteristics set before us in Galatians:  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness,  
faithfulness, and self-control?

**Parents: We will.**

Minister: Congregation, raising a child is a great task. Will you  
commit to supporting this family, encouraging them, and  
praying for them? Will you commit to model Christ for these  
children and to demonstrate dedication to God and service to  
one another?

**Congregation: We will.**

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand