

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, who shows to them that be in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they may return to the way of righteousness; Grant to all those that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that as strangers and pilgrims they may abstain from fleshly lusts, and follow all such things as are agreeable to their holy profession; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

- From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689; 3rd Sunday after Easter

For Reflection in Preparation for Worship

– **Jeremiah 17:13-14**

O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water. Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Prelude

Salutation

To the South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church, together with all of you who call upon the name of the Lord, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord Calls Us To Draw Near

†¹Call to worship

- **1 Peter 1:1-5; Psalm 47:1-2, 6-8**

^{ESV} ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Minister: ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Church: ² **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth!**

Minister: ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Church: **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Minister: ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Church: ⁸ **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne!**

†Psalm of Praise – *Psalm 96*

Sing unto the Lord a new song; Sing unto the Lord all the earth
Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Tell of His salvation day by day.

Majesty and honor are His; Strength and beauty, glory and righteousness,
Great is the Lord, and deserving of praise; He is to be feared above all "gods"...

Worship the Lord, in Holy array

Tremble before Him, all the earth, Our God reigns.

Let all the creation be glad; The earth and the sea sing for joy
Before the Lord, the judge of the earth; Who judges us in righteousness and truth...

CHORUS (2x)

†Prayer of Adoration

The Lord Cleanses Us

†Call to Confession

- **Isaiah 55:6-7 & 1 John 1:8-9**

Minister: Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

Church: **let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**

Minister: let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

Church: **and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Church: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sin

UNISON: ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, and the burden of them is great.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and soften our hearts towards You. And for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honor and glory of Your Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ...

(Silent prayers of confession are offered)

Minister: Father, we implore your mercy in Jesus’ name.

Church: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- **Titus 3:3-7**

³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Minister: This is the promise of the Lord!

Church: Thanks be to God!

†Doxology

(tune: Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low
Praise him a-bove, ye heav’n-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

†Greeting

†Song – *Laden with Guilt*

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord
And not a glimpse of hope appears, But in Thy written word
The volumes of my Father’s grace, Does all my grief assuage
Here I beheld my Savior’s face, In every page...

This is the field where hidden lies, The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise, Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated waters flow, To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows, No danger dwells within...

This is the judge that ends the strife, Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life, Throughout this gloomy vale
O may Thy counsels, Mighty God, My roving feet command
Nor I forsake the happy road, That leads to Thy right hand.

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

The Reading of God’s Word

- **Ezekiel 47:1-9**

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

Church: **Thanks be to God!**

Profession of Faith – *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon

- **John 7:37-52**

^{ESV} ³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as¹ the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?" ⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" ⁴³So there was a division among the people over him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. ⁴⁵The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" ⁴⁶The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" ⁴⁷The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, ⁵¹"Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" ⁵²They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

notes

¹ †-- The congregation stands before the LORD (*those who are able*)

The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Intercessory Prayers

UNISON: *Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Your unworthy servants, do give You most humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all people.*

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all blessings of this life; but above all, for Your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we ask You to give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful; and that we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to Your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. ...

(pastoral prayer, concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†Closing Song - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

May the mind of Christ my Savior, Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling, All I do and say /

May the Word of God dwell richly, In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph, Only thru His power /

May the peace of God my Father, Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort, Sick and sorrowing /

May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self-abasing, This is victory /

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus, As I onward go /

May His beauty rest upon me, As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him /

The Lord Commissions Us

†The Benediction

Weekly Calendar

- Today** - **Session Meeting – 4 pm at the Church office.** 7384 Highland Road, Suite E. This Session meeting will be a good opportunity for those who have completed the membership seminar to be interviewed for church membership. If you are interested in joining our church, please talk to Michael Lipe or Scott Lindsay today to make arrangements for the meeting.
- **Theological training at the church office; 7-9 pm**
- Tuesday** - **Community Group at the Morris Home;** *contact Patrick Morris for details; (225) 772-7645*
- Wednesday** - **Community Group at the Pourciau home; 7pm.**
- Thursday** - **Women's Bible Study Fellowship** – at the Blanchfield Home; 5423 Southpointer; 9:30-11 a.m. Childcare provided; RSVP with Melissa 768-7983.
- Next Sunday** - **Morning Fellowship & Sunday School** - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- **The Lord's Service** - 10:00 am (**Lord's Supper Sunday**)
- **Ministry & Theological Training at Church Office; 7-9 pm**

Announcements

- **RYM final payment and completed form due by May 13th.**
- **Those planning to attend the St. Louis Summer Mission Trip, July 14-21, please give Andrew Voelkel a \$50 deposit by May 13th to confirm your spot on the team.**

Coming Soon

- **Sat. May 5th - New Orleans Work Day;** see Mark Becker for details
- **Sun. May 6th - Youth & Family Community Group** at the Pourciau home; 4:30-7pm
- **Wed. May 9th – Hope Ministries Volunteer Day**
- **Sun. May 13th – “Young Families” Community Group** at the Pavy home; 4:30-6pm
- **Sun. May 20th – Sunday School Teachers Lunch & In-Reach committee meeting** @ the Voelkel home
- **July 14-21, Youth & Family Urban Mission trip to St. Louis**
The cost is \$250 per person, which covers our food and lodging, and supports a Tutoring Program for inner city youth.

See the Church Member Website for News Articles, Prayer Requests, and Announcement-Updates throughout the week

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SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA]

PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

April 29, 2007

Welcome!

Our hope and prayer is that God will be pleased to make us a church that honors Him as our lives, our community, our city and our world are radically changed through the powerful working of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within all those who believe.

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church is a new church, and is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a Christ-centered denomination that is committed to telling the world about Jesus.

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