

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Almighty Father, who has given Your only son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in purity of living and truth; and increase and strengthen our faith in You, and in Your Son whom You have sent; that so believing in Him, we may overcome the world, and attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

For Reflection in Preparation for Worship –from the Westminster Larger Catechism

WLC 36 **Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?** A. The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ (1) who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father,(2) in the fulness of time became man,(3) and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, for ever.(4) (1)1 Tim. 2:5. (2)John 1:1,14; John 10:30; Phil. 2:6 (3)Gal. 4:4 (4)Luke 1:35; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9; Heb. 7:24,25.

WLC 41 **Why was our Mediator called Jesus?** A. Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.(1) (1)Matt. 1:21

WLC 42 **Why was our Mediator called Christ?** A. Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure;(1) and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability,(2) to execute the offices of prophet,(3) priest,(4) and king of his Church,(5) in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation. (1)John 3:34; Ps. 45:7. (2)John 6:27; Matt. 28:18,19,20. (3)Acts 3:21,22; Luke 4:18,21. (4)Heb. 5:5,6,7; Heb. 4:14,15. (5)Ps. 2:6; Matt. 21:5; Isa. 9:6,7; Phil. 2:8-11.

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 the Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord Calls Us To Draw Near

†¹Call to Worship

- Ephesians 2:11-22 & Psalm 100

^{Ephesians 2:11-22} ¹¹ remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, ... ¹² remember that you were ... separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ... ¹⁹ ... you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Minister: ^{Psalm 100} Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Church: ³ **Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Church: **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

⁵ **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

†Song of Praise – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began,
Father love is reigning o-er us, brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward, in the triumph song of life.*

†Prayer of Adoration

The Lord Cleanses Us

†Call to Confession

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” – 1 John 1:8-10.

Confession of Sin

Unison: O LORD our God, we come to You as Your children and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not always loved You with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. We were born in sin and continue to struggle with sin. We acknowledge our guilt, and know that we would rightly fall under Your curse and judgment, save for your mercy in Christ.

So we humbly ask that you would blot out our transgressions; wash us from our iniquities; deliver us from blood-guiltiness. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, as we confess our sins to you...

(silent prayers of confession are offered)

Minister: O Father, hear our confession for Jesus sake, we pray.
Response: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- Psalm 34:17-18, 22

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit... The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

Minister: This is the promise of the Lord!
Response: Thanks be to God!

†Greeting

†Song of Preparation – Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul
Not what my toiling flesh has borne, can make my spirit whole
Not what I feel or do, can give me peace with God
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears,
Can bear my awful load...

Thy work alone O Christ, can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within
Thy love to me O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of, this dark unrest,
And set my spirit free...

Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak,
Thy power alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break,
No other work save Thine, no other blood will do
No strength save that, which is divine,
Can bear me safely through...

I bless the Christ of God, I rest on Love divine,
And with unflinching lip and heart, I call this Savior mine
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb,
My unbelief, and all my fear,
Each lingering shade of gloom...

I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call him mine, My God, my joy, my light
Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives
I love because, He loveth me,
I live because He lives...

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

Scripture Reading

Lector: This is the Word of the LORD
Church: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

John 7:14-24

John 7:14-24 ¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning,¹ when he has never studied?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's¹ will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory, but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is

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

from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Notes

The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Intercessory Prayers

(Congregational Prayer time, 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 – Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my Great Father and I Thy True Son,
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart.
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all...*

The Lord Commissions Us

†The Benediction

Weekly Calendar

- Today** - **The Youth Group (and parents) are invited to the Becker home after the service.** The youth will be watching a movie – *The Lord of the Rings: Two Towers*; maps are available in the foyer.
- Tuesday** - **Community Group at the Morris Home**; contact Patrick Morris for details; (225) 772-7645
- Wednesday** - **Community Group at the Talbert home; 6:30pm.**
654 Hillgate Pl. Baton Rouge, LA 70808; 767-0951
- 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
- **Ministry & Theological Training at Church Office**; 7-9 pm

Announcements

- **Session Meeting April 29th** – 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 contact Michael Lipe or Scott Lindsay and we can talk to you about meeting with the Session.
- **Website Reminder** -- please check the church member website for announcement-updates, news articles and prayer requests throughout the week. *To receive automatic News Updates, go to the bottom of the News page and click on "Notify me of new articles".*
- **Meals Ministry Reminder** – The SBRPC Meals Ministry is under the oversight of our Deacons. If you know of a family that might need some meals, just let a deacon know. The deacons are seeking volunteers to provide meals and/or coordinate meals; speak to a deacon today, or sign-up in foyer or on website, if you are interested.
 - **Laura LiBassi is currently coordinating meals for the Gibsons.**
- **Morning Set-Up Volunteers needed** – The Deacons seeking volunteers who can help set-up for Sunday mornings. If you would like to serve in this capacity; please see a Deacon.

Special Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities

- **April 28th**, Disaster Response Training; *see Tim Smith for details.*
- **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. *We hope to bring a team of 19 people to staff the tutoring program, lead back-yard bible clubs, and engage in community service projects. Please contact Andrew Voelkel if you are interested.*

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SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA]

PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

April 15, 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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