

The Lord's Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

December 17, 2006

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Prayer in Preparation for worship

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Thy coming into the world didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

- From the Book of Common Worship; third Sunday of Advent

†Call to Worship - *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship, Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light.

Chorus

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.

Chorus

†Welcome

†Song of Praise & Petition – *Jesus Everlasting King*

*Jesus, everlasting King
Accept the tribute which we bring
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown*

O send Your Spirit to impart
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received Your pledge of love.

Repeat chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Repeat chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

Repeat chorus

O that the months would roll away
And bring the coronation day;
The King of Grace shall fill the throne
With all His Father's glories on.

Repeat chorus twice

†Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

Call to Confession

- Psalm 24:3-5

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
Response: *And who shall stand in his holy place?*

Minister: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Response: *who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.*

Minister: He will receive blessing from the LORD,
Response: *and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

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 neighbor as ourselves.
We were born in sin and have continued 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 Faith – *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Jesus I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee
Naked poor, despised, forsaken Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition God and heaven are still....my....own

Man may trouble and distress me Twill but drive me to thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure, With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise...

Announcements

Intercessory Prayers – *for the Church, the world & progress of the Gospel*

*Unison:
Almighty God, You have called the church out of the world that she might
bring the world to You: Make us faithful, we ask, in the work You have
entrusted to us. Stir up the hearts of Your people here and everywhere,
that by our prayers, gifts, and labors, we may joyfully participate in the
spread of Your Gospel over all the earth. And hasten the day when all the
ends of the earth shall remember and turn to You, and all the families of
the earth shall worship before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord...*

(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.*

The Offering

^{ESV} **John 4:27-42** ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Sermon notes

†Song of Praise & Commitment – *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinners' ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to His voice, New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor, believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

†Benediction

Announcements

Later Today **4pm – 7pm – Christmas Party**, at the Grezaffi home, in St Francisville. *See Map and Information in Foyer.*

Next Sunday - **No Sunday school classes will meet.**
- **The Lord's Service will be at 10:00 a.m. as usual.**
- **We are invited to join Westminster Presbyterian Church for a Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm; 3701 Jones Creek Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.**

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday **Community Group – *Not meeting this week; group will resume meeting on January 10th***

Thursday **Women's Bible Study Fellowship – *Not meeting during holidays; Will resume meeting January 11, 2007.***

Next Sunday **10:00 a.m – The Lord's Service**

Apologies: When receiving communicant members two weeks ago we forgot to list each person's name. Our newest communicant members are Trey Pavy, Jessica Pavy, Carol Voelkel, Drew Voelkel, Caleb Voelkel, Mark Becker, Suzan Becker, Rachel Becker, Sarah Becker, Tre Simmons & Kevin Cordell (Associate Member).

Reminders:

- **2nd & 4th Sunday of each month:** Community Group meets at the Berger's home
- **2nd Wednesday of each month:** SBRPC volunteer day with Hope Ministries
- **1st Sunday of each month:** We celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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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.**

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