

# The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

## Silent Prayer in Preparation for worship

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the words of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech You, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with You, O Father, and You, O Holy Spirit, He lives and reigns, ever one God, world without end. Amen. *- From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689*

## Prelude - (based on Romans 1:7)

To all of you who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

## Welcome & Announcements

# The Lord Calls Us To Draw Near

## †<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship - Ephesians 2:1-10 & Psalm 117

*Minister:*  
<sup>ESV</sup> Ephesians 2:1 ...you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience- <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body<sup>1</sup> and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.  
<sup>Psalm 117:1</sup> Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

*People:* <sup>2</sup>***For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!***

## †Hymn of Praise –All Creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King; Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in one.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## †Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

<sup>1</sup> The congregation is asked to stand (those who are able)

# The Lord Cleanses Us

## †Call to Confession - Psalm 24:3-5; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 1:8-9

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
*People:* ***He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.***

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

Minister: Let us then draw near to the throne of grace, and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Confession of Sin & Prayers for Mercy

***Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful natures—prone to evil and slothful in good— and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And we ask You, O most holy and loving Father, to so cleanse our hearts that we may hereafter live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*** *(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)*

Minister: O Father, hear our confession for Jesus sake, we pray.  
*People:* ***Amen!***

## Assurance of Pardon - 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Minister: this is the word of the Lord!  
*People:* ***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 Faith - Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have one strong and perfect plea  
the great high priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me  
my name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the wrong within  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am, The King of Glory and of Grace  
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my savior and my God  
With Christ my savior and my God

# The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

## The Sermon - By the Reverend Keith Berger - Psalm 13

<sup>ESV</sup> **Psalm 13:1** TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? <sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. <sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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## †Psalm 13 – From the Trinity Psalter (to tune of “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”)

How long wilt Thou forget me? Shall it forever be?  
O LORD, how long neglect me, And hide Thy face from me  
How long my soul take counsel, thus sad in heart each day?  
How long shall foes, exulting, subject me to their sway?

O LORD, my God, consider, and hear my earnest cries;  
Lest I in death should slumber, enlighten Thou mine eyes:  
Lest foes be heard exclaiming, “Against him we prevailed”;  
And they that vex my spirit, Rejoice when I have failed.

But on Thy tender mercy, I ever have relied;  
With joy in Thy salvation, my heart shall still confide.  
And I with voice of singing, will praise the LORD alone,  
Because to me His favor, He has so largely shown.

## †The New Testament Lesson – Romans 12:1-21

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People:* ***Thanks be to God!***

## The Tribute Offering

### The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

### Intercessory Prayers

Minister: Let us pray for the Church, the world and the triumph of the Gospel.

**UNISON:** *Almighty and Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, Your beloved children, offer to You our humble praises for having preserved us from the beginning of our lives to this day. Especially do we praise You for having delivered us from the dangers and uncertainties of this past week. For these mercies we bless and magnify Your Glorious Name, humbly beseeching You to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for His sake who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world, knowledge of Thy truth; and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.*

Minister: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this congregation; and for all ministers and missionaries. Pray for the church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. ...** (prayers of the people)

Minister: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans, and prisoners. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. ...** (prayers of the people)

Minister: I ask your prayers for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. ...** (prayers of the people)

Minister: I ask your prayers for our country, for our President and others in authority, that that they might seek the King of Kings, and his wisdom, in discharging their office.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. ...** (prayers of the people)

Minister: I ask for your prayers against all tyrants and enemies of Christ, that they might be overthrown by their own wickedness. Pray for the advance of the Gospel.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. ...** (prayers of the people)

Minister: I ask your prayers for our children and future generations which will be born to them. Pray that the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth through them.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. ...** (prayers of the people)

Minister: Father we ask all these things through the mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives & reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

People: **Amen!**

### †Closing Song of Faith & Commitment – O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be...

O Light, that follow'st all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,  
May brighter, fairer be...

O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be...

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

## The Lord Commissions Us

### †Benediction

- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you.

### Announcements

- **Tonight - Theological Training at Church Office** – 7-9 pm  
*Topics: Building Your Theology – Part 4; Westminster Confession – Chapters 7&8*

### Weekly Calendar

**Wednesday** - **Hope Ministries Food Pantry Volunteer Day**; 9-11:30 am. *Contact Tim Smith for details; 819-2020.*

- **Evening Community Group is canceled for Valentines day.**

**Thursday** - **Women's Bible Study Fellowship** – at the Blanchfield Home; 5423 Southpointer; 9:30-11:00 a.m. *Childcare provided; please RSVP with Mellissa if you are bringing any children. 768-7983.*

**Next Sunday** - **Morning Fellowship & Sunday School** - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.  
- **The Lord's Service** - 10:00 am

### Upcoming Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities

- **February 13, 6-9 pm; Feb. 15, 6-9 pm; Feb. 24, 9-4 pm; "First-Response" Volunteer training with Youth Oasis.** *See ministry description in the foyer, or talk to Annie Stott.*
- **Hope Ministries Family Mentor Training:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **February 25<sup>th</sup> -- Church Membership Seminar begins** -- a 5-week seminar for those interested in learning about Church Membership; held during Sunday School hour.
- **March 10 & April 14 - New Orleans Work Day Ministry**  
Mark Becker is recruiting and leading work teams on these dates to help with rebuilding work. Please RSVP to Mark at [marknsuzan@integrity.com](mailto:marknsuzan@integrity.com) or 683-6886 if you have questions or would like sign up.
- **June 18-22 - Junior High RYM trip to Florida; cost \$275**
- **July 9-14 - High-School RYM trip to Florida; cost \$315**  
*Students interested in attending one of these conferences should submit a \$50 deposit check to Andrew Voelkel by February 25<sup>th</sup> (make checks payable to SBRPC). See Andrew for details or visit [www.rymonline.org](http://www.rymonline.org).*
- **July 14-21 - St. Louis Urban Mission Trip; details coming soon**

### Monthly Event Reminders

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month:

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper during the Lord's Service.
- Youth Community Group meets at the Pourciau home (unless otherwise noted) from 4:30 – 7pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month:

- Hope Ministries food pantry volunteer day

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# SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA] PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

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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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