

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Silent Prayer in Preparation for worship

O Lord, we beseech You favorably to hear the prayers of Your people; that we, who by Your grace are called to the course of a Christian life, may be temperate in all things; and so run the race that is set before us, as to obtain the incorruptible crown which You have promised to those who love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

- From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689; The Ninth Sunday Before Easter

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.**

†Hymn of Praise – Come Christians, Join to Sing

Come Christians, join to sing (Alleluia, Amen)
Loud praise to Christ our King (Alleluia, Amen)
Let all with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice (Alleluia, Amen)

Come lift your hearts on high (Alleluia, Amen)
Let praises fill the sky (Alleluia, Amen)
He is our guide and friend, To us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end (Alleluia, Amen)

Praise yet our Christ again (Alleluia, Amen)
Life shall not end the strain (Alleluia, Amen)
On heaven’s blissful shore, His goodness we’ll adore,
Singing forever more (Alleluia, Amen)

†Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

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: 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.
Church: **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!
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

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

†Song of Faith - In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground; Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

*What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand*

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save

*‘Til on the cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live*

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain
Then, bursting forth in glorious day; Up from the grave He rose again

*And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the pow’r of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny

*No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.*

†The New Testament Lesson - Matthew 5:1-16

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

†Profession of Faith – from Colossians 1:12-23

We believe that: God our Father has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And we, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present us holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed we continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that we heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven. Amen.

The Sermon - By the Reverend Keith Berger - Psalm 113

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

^{ESV} **Psalm 113** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! ² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

notes

The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Intercessory Prayers

Minister: Let us pray for the Church, the world and the 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 the Lord, 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.*

†Closing Song of Praise & Thanksgiving – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, How thy desires e'er have been, Granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee!
How oft in grief, Hath not He brought thee relief, Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen, sound from His people again: Gladly, for aye we adore Him!

The Lord Commissions Us

†Benediction

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Announcements

- **Tonight - Theological Training at Church Office** – 7-9 pm
Topics: Why study the Old Testament? (Part 1); Westminster Confession – Ch 9 & 10
- **Attention Youth and Parents -- RYM information sheets and Registration forms are available in the foyer. To Reserve your spot for this summer conference, please submit registration form and \$50 deposit to Andrew Voelkel by March 4th.**

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday - Community Group at the Pourciau home; 7pm. 7335 Sevenoaks

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

Next Sunday - **Morning Fellowship & Sunday School** - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- **Church Membership Seminar begins** – this is a 5-week seminar for those interested in learning about Church Membership; held during Sunday School hour.
- **The Lord's Service** - 10:00 am
- **Youth Social at the Becker Home after the Service**
- **Theological Training at Church Office** – 7-9 pm

Special Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities

- **Feb. 24, 9-4 pm; "First-Response" Volunteer training with Youth Oasis.** See ministry description in the foyer, or talk to Annie Stott.
- **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 or 683-6886 if you have questions or would like sign up.
- **March 20 -- Hope Ministries Family Mentor Training begins.** Contact Melissa Daly @ 355-0702 ext. 34 to sign up.
- **July 14-21 - St. Louis Urban Mission Trip; details coming soon**

Monthly Event Reminders

1st 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.

2nd 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.**

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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ESV **Matthew 5:1-16**

Seeing the crowds, he {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons¹ of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Church: Thanks be to God!