

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Silent Prayer in Preparation for worship

O Lord God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything we do; Mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversities; or so mightily aided by Your grace, that we may not faint under them; but having heard Your holy Word with honest and good hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - *From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689; The Eighth Sunday Before Easter*

Prelude

Salutation

- *(based on 1 Corinthians 1:2-3)*

To the South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all *of you* who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both your Lord and ours:
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

- ^{ESV} **Galatians 3:26 - 4:1 & Psalm 105:1-7**

Minister: ²⁶ ... in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Church: ***Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!***

Minister: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Church: ***Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!***

Minister: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Church: ***He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.***

†Hymn of Praise & Supplication – *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.

†Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

The Lord Cleanses Us

† Call to Confession

- **1 John 1:6-9**

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ 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

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We confess that we have often erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone things which we should have done;
And we have done things which we should not have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

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

Assurance of Pardon

- **Psalm 103:8, 10-12**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving-kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

Church: ***Thanks be to God!***

†Song of Faith - *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

How deep the Father’s love for us; How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss; The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold a man upon a cross; My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there; Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything; No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom

†Greeting

†*The Church’s One Foundation*

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation yet one o’er all the earth
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses with every grace endured

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

The New Testament Lesson

- **Romans 9**

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

The Sermon - *By the Reverend Keith Berger*

- **Psalm 87**

^{ESV} **Psalm 87:1** A PSALM OF THE SONS OF KORAH. A SONG.

On the holy mount stands the city he founded; ² the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. ³ Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.

⁴ Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush¹- "This one was born there," they say. ⁵ And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her. ⁶ The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there." ⁷ Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

notes

¹ The congregation is asked to stand (those who are able)

The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Intercessory Prayers

Minister: Let us pray for all of Christ's Church, and for our congregation, and for the world:

UNISON: *O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsel, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.*

Minister: For the church of Jesus Christ, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming, we pray to You, O Lord.
Church: Lord, have mercy. (prayers of the people)

Minister: For all ministers, missionaries, and the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness the Gospel may be preached, we pray to You, O Lord.
Church: Lord, have mercy. (prayers of the people)

Minister: For those in positions of public trust; that they may fear and serve you alone; execute justice; and protect the widow, the fatherless, the orphan and the unborn, we pray to You, O Lord.
Church: Lord, have mercy. (prayers of the people)

Minister: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to You, O Lord.
Church: Lord, have mercy. (prayers of the people)

Minister: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth Your glory in all that we do, we pray to You, O Lord.
Church: Lord, have mercy. (prayers of the people)

Minister: Father we ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Church: Amen.

†Closing Song of Faith & Praise – *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken; Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river; Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner; Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna, Which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city; I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure; None but Zion's children know.

The Lord Commissions Us

†Benediction

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Announcements

- **Attention Youth and Parents:** -- *RYM Registration forms & deposits for summer conference are due next Sunday.* Forms are available in foyer.
- **Youth Social at the Becker Home after the Service.** All Junior and Senior high students (and parents) are invited; maps are available in the foyer. The youth will be watching and discussing the Lord of the Rings.
- **Tonight - Theological Training at Church Office – 7-9 pm**
Topics: Why study the Old Testament? (Part 2); Westminster Confession – Ch 11 & 12 on Justification & Adoption.

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 continues** –for those interested in learning about Church Membership; held during the Sunday School hour.
- **The Lord's Service - 10:00 am**
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- **Theological Training at Church Office – 7-9 pm**

Special Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities

- **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 marksuzan@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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Contact information for church leadership:

Elder– Michael Lipe – 243-4227 (h) or 939-8507(c)	Deacon: Barrett Black – 803-6751
Pastor– Andrew Voelkel – 766-4250(h) or 287-5151(c)	Deacon: Tory Johnson – 241-9541
Pastor– Scott Lindsay –819-2048(h) or 892-1867(c)	Deacon: Nick LiBassi – 936-4963
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SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA] PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

February 25, 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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†**The New Testament Lesson**

-Romans 9

Our new testament reading is from Romans 9; you can turn their in your bibles if you want to following along we the reading..

The Letter to the Church in Rome was written by the Apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In Ch. 9, Paul expresses his desire that all the physical descendents of Abraham be saved (that is his fellow Jews);

*And yet Paul asserts & defends God's **sovereign choice***

in granting Salvation exclusively to the people of faith,

whether they be Jews or Gentiles.

Hear now God's word:

^{ESV} **Romans 9:1** I am speaking the truth in Christ- I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit- ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers,¹ my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

⁹ For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad- in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call- ¹² she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³ As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." ¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion,¹ but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"

²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honored use and another for dishonorable use? ²² What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory- ²⁴ **even us whom he has called**, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were **not my people** I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'" ²⁶ "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are **not my people**,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'" ²⁷ And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel¹ be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, ²⁸ for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay." ²⁹ And as Isaiah predicted,, "If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah." ³⁰

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness¹ did not succeed in reaching that law. ³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³ as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and **whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.**"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

*Church: **Thanks be to God***