

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Silent Prayer in Preparation for worship

O Lord, we beseech You to keep Your Church and household continually in Your true religion; and to stir up every member of the same to adorn Your holy profession, by putting on tender mercy, humility of mind, meekness, long-suffering; that, resting only on the hope of Your heavenly grace, and doing all in the Name of our blessed Savior, we may evermore be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689

Prelude

Salutation *(based on Galatians 1:2-5)*

To the South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord Calls Us To Draw Near

†¹Call to Worship - ^{ESV} Galatians 3:26 - 4:1 & Psalm 105:1-7

^{Galatians 3} ... 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.

Minister: ^{Psalm 105} Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: **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!

People: **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!

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

†Opening Hymn - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet; Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to Thee an altar- Hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger; Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger; Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander - Lord I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart - O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

†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;

People: **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,

People: **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.

People: **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: Almighty, eternal, merciful God and Father, we confess that we have sinned against You and Your commandments in many ways: Hear us now as we confess our sins to you, and turn to you in repentance and faith... *(Pastor-led confession, based on the Ten Commandments)*

Assurance of Pardon (1 Tim 1:15; Rom. 8:1; Eph 2:8-9)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, and not of works, lest anyone should boast

Minister: these are the promises of the Lord!

Response: **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

†Gathering Song – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor, To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He Knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Praise with us the God of grace.

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

†The New Testament Lesson - Acts 13:13-33 *Lector: Ruling Elder Michael Lipe*

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

†Confession of Faith – *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon - *By the Reverend Keith Berger* - Psalm 2

^{ESV} Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, ³"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." ⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

notes

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

The Tribute Offering

Call to Prayer

(1 Tim 2:1; Heb 4:15)

We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need:

Intercessory Prayers

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give you praise and hearty thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies. We bless you for the love which has created us and sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known to us your will and grace.

Congregation: **We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and godly men & women, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord Jesus has done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to Your service.**

Minister: Save and defend your Church Universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments.

Congregation: **Make it perfect in love and in good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all.**

Minister: Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands.

Congregation: **Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord.**

Minister: Preserve our Nation in righteousness and honor, and continue your blessings to us as a people, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the President, Congress, Governors and Legislators; enable them to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord and to promote righteousness, justice and peace on earth.

Congregation: **God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort, with the grace of your Holy Spirit, all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those most dear to us, whom we lift up to you now...**

(Congregation-led prayers for those in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity)

Minister: Remember, O Lord, those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care.

Congregation: **We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in the true fellowship with them, and all your living saints, and bring us at length to the joys of your kingdom in the new heavens and new earth.**

Minister: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Father, for his sake who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age.

Unison: Amen!

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

The Lord Communes With Us

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

†The Communion Hymn - *Nothing But the Blood*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my cleansing this I see; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this my plea; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Naught of good that I have done; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my righteousness; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Now by this I'll overcome; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Now by this I'll reach my home; Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

The Lord Commissions Us

†Benediction

- **Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

- **Tonight – The Youth & Family Community Group** meets at the Pourciau home; 4:30-7 pm ;7335 Sevenoaks; Pizza & Drinks provided.
- **Theological Training scheduled for tonight is postponed 1 week.**
- **Church Membership Seminar Coming Soon** -- this is a 5-week seminar for those interested in Church Membership; begins February 25th, during Sunday School hour.
- **Nursery Needs** – Our nursery needs additional “exer-saucers”, “baby-swings”, and “bouncy-seats”; if you own any of these items and would like to donate them, please see Melissa Blanchfield today.
- **Volunteers opportunity with Youth Oasis;** see Annie Stott for details...

Weekly Calendar

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

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

***Saturday** - **New Orleans Work Day Ministry Opportunity** – Mark Becker is recruiting and leading a work team 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. (Other trips are planned for March 10 and April 14.)

Next Sunday - **Morning Fellowship & Sunday School** - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.

- **The Lord's Service** - 10:00 am

- **Theological Training at Church Office** – 7-9 pm

Topics: Building Your Theology – Part 4; Westminster Confession – Chapters 7&8

Planning Ahead

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 25th (make checks payable to SBRPC). See Andrew for details or visit www.rymonline.org.

July 14-21 - **St. Louis Urban Mission Trip; details coming soon**

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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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