

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Prayer in Preparation for worship

O God, whose infinite mercies in our blessed Savior encourage us to call upon You; we beseech You graciously to hear us; and grant that we may both perceive and know what is Your good, and acceptable, and perfect will that we my present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689;
The Second Sunday after Christmas*

Prelude

Salutation

To the South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church,
together with all of you who call on the name of the Lord:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome

†¹**Call to Worship** - ^{ESV} **Galatians 3:27 - 4:1 & Psalm 105:1-7**

Minister: ...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!

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.**

†**Song of Praise - Psalm 9 vs 1-10** - *Sung to the Tune “Immortal, Invisible*
From the Trinity Psalter

I now will give wholehearted thanks to the LORD,
And all of Your marvelous works will record.
In You will be glad and exultingly cry,
And praise to Your name will I sing, O Most High.

When backward my foes were all turned in despair,
They stumbled and perished because You were there.
For You have defended my judgment and cause;
You sat in just judgment upholding Your laws.

You chided the nations, the wicked destroyed;
Their names You erased and forever made void.
The foe is consumed, is completely erased,
Their cities destroyed and their mem’ry effaced.

The LORD will eternally sit on His throne,
Establishing it for His judgment alone.
In righteousness He’ll judge the world from His seat
And unto all peoples shall equity mete.

The LORD is a stronghold, a lofty strong tower,
For all the oppressed in their troubles’ dark hour.
Those knowing Your name, LORD, trust You for Your grace;
You have not forsaken those seeking Your face.

†Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

Call to Confession - Psalm 24:3-5

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

Minister: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
People: **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 cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sin

UNISON: Almighty God and heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness: We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and stubbornness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our family and friends. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant us this, we pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. *(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)*

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

Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 2:1a-2

if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world

Minister: this is the promise of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

†Song 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!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for the Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light
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!

Greeting

†Gathering Song - Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
‘til the storm is past
Safe into the haven guide,
Receive my soul at last...

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
the shadow of Thy wing...

Announcements

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

Intercessory Prayers – *for the purity of Christ’s Church*

Minister: Let us pray for the purity of Christ’s Church.

UNISON: **Almighty Father, who hast given your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant that we may put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

And God spoke all these words, saying: (*Exodus 20:1-17*) I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

Lord, have mercy on us and keep us from the sin of idolatry.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Lord, enable us to worship you aright according to your Word. Reveal to us where we err and bring reformation to your Church.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Father, sanctify our tongues so that we would hallow rather than abuse your Name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for your day of rest and worship. Cause us to honor & rejoice in it. Restore its observance to a restless and weary people.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for our parents and for other authorities which you have established over us. Restore fathers to their rightful roles, honor to motherhood, and respect for lawful authority. Defend the family against the assaults of unbelief and give to your people godly magistrates.

You shall not murder.

Almighty God, author and finisher of life, have mercy upon the unborn and the aged, convict the callous among us, restrain your people from lawless rage, and restore the voice of your Church and her witness.

You shall not commit adultery.

Father, we beseech you to make divorce unthinkable among us; to guard the eyes of your ministers, missionaries, and men; and to protect our wives and children from a lewd and degenerate culture.

You shall not steal.

Lord, free your Church from the shame of embezzlement and greed, our hearts from the covetousness that leads to theft, and our lips from words that rob others of their good name.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Heavenly Father, make the word of your people their bond.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.

Lord, have mercy on us and make us content with what we have; for you are our security and our sustenance.

You shall love the Lord your God will all your heart and soul, mind and strength.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, in your grace you have promised to write your laws upon our hearts and upon our minds by your Spirit. Enable us to obey these your commandments with a glad and cheerful heart. Amen!

The Offering

The Sermon

- **John 4:43-54**

ESV **John 4:43-54** ⁴³ After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵ So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast. ⁴⁶ So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants¹ met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour¹ the fever left him." ⁵³ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

†Song of Preparation – *Jesus, Lover of My Soul (reprise)*

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou full of truth and grace...

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, to all eternity....

The Lord’s Supper

†Closing Praise – *The Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

†Benediction

Announcements

- **Tonight – The Youth & Family Community Group meets at the Pourciau home;** 4:30-7 pm ;7335 Sevenoaks; Pizza & Drinks will be provided.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday - **Volunteer Day @ Hope Ministries Food Kitchen**

- **Community Group** at the _____ home; 7pm

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.*

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

Reminders:

1st Sunday of each month: We celebrate the Lord’s Supper

2nd & 4th Sunday of each month: Community Group at the Berger Home; please let Paige know if you are coming – 819-9561

2nd Wednesday of each month: SBRPC volunteer day with Hope Ministries

Contact information for church leadership:

Elder– Michael Lipe – 243.4227 (h) or 939.8507(c)

Pastor– Andrew Voelkel – 766-4250(h) or 287.5151(c)

Pastor– Scott Lindsay –819.2048(h) or 892.1867(c)

Church Office – 768-9999; 7384 Highland Rd. Suite E; Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Office Administrator - Stella Price; Hours: Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Music in bulletin used by permission; CCLI # 1964895

SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA]

PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

January 7, 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.

Meeting at Tari's School of Dance
9166 Perkins Road Baton Rouge, LA 70810
(ph.) 225.768.9999
www.sbrpres.org