

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

Silent Prayer in Preparation for worship

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and endure us with the spirit of meekness and patience; that no evil we suffer from others may move us to do evil to them, but that we may overcome them by doing them good; and if it be possible, as much as lies in us, live peaceably with all men. And in all our dangers and adversities, stretch forth Your right hand to held and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689; The Third 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 & Announcements

Weekly Calendar

Tonight - **Theological training at Church Office** – 7-9 pm
Wednesday - **Community Group** at the Talbert home; 654 Hillgate; 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

†¹Call to Worship - Ephesians 1:3-7 & Psalm 117

Minister: ^{ESV Ephesians 2:1} ...you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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- ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body¹ and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

^{Psalm 117:1} Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: ² **For great is his steadfast love toward us!**

Minister: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

People: **Praise the LORD!**

†Song of Praise - All Hail the Power

All hail the power of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

†Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

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

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 to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sin

UNISON: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature - 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, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.
(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

²⁴ 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.

²⁵ 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!**

†Song of Praise – Jesus Everlasting King

*Jesus, everlasting King
Accept the tribute which we bring
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown*

O send Your Spirit to impart
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received Your pledge of love.

Repeat chorus

The gladness of redemption’s day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Repeat chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

Repeat chorus

O that the months would roll away
And bring the coronation day;
The King of Grace shall fill the throne
With all His Father’s glories on.

Repeat chorus (x2)

†Greeting

†Song of Petition - Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior
Hear my humble cry!
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief.

*Savior, Savior; Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by*

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.

Thou the spring of all my comfort
More than life to me!
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heaven but Thee?

Chorus

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

Call to Intercessory Prayer

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4

^{ESV} ... I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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!

The Offering

The Sermon

- John 5:1-16

^{ESV} **John 5:1** After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic¹ called Bethesda,² which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids- blind, lame, and paralyzed.¹ ⁴ ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." ¹¹ But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" ¹² They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

notes

†Closing Song of Praise – *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!

†Benediction

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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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