

# The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

## Silent Prayer in Preparation for worship

O God, who knows we are set in the midst of many and great temptations and dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; that, being faithful to You, rendering to all their due, and doing that which is good, we may be graciously accepted by You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689*

## Prelude

## Salutation

*(based on 1 Peter 1:1-5)*

To those who are elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you!

## Welcome & Announcements

### †<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship

- **1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10; Psalm 95:1-2**

*Minister:*

As you come to *the Lord*, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. . . . you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

*People:*

***Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!***

***Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!***

### †Song of Praise & Reflection – *And Can It Be?*

And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*  
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He left His Father’s throne above; So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself, became like us, And bled for Adam’s helpless race.  
*Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me.*  
*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray, I woke the dungeon flamed with light!  
*My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth and followed Thee,*  
*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine;  
*Bold, I approach the eternal throne & claim the crown through Christ, my own.*  
*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

## †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?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

*People: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, 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

***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.

*People: **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!

*People: **Thanks be to God!***

## †Song of Praise - *Awesome Power*

Awesome power, boundless grace  
None can fathom, all your ways  
Truth and love are found  
In your heart alone  
Righteousness surrounds your throne  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Most High  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Most High

## †Greeting

### †Song - *Out of the Deep I Call*

Out of the deep I call, To Thee, O Lord, to Thee  
Before Thy throne of grace I fall;  
Be merciful to me. Be merciful to me.

Out of the deep I cry, The woeful deep of sin,  
Of evil done in days gone by,  
Of evil now within. Of evil now within.

Out of the deep of fear, And dread of coming shame:  
All night till morning watch is near  
I plead the precious name. I plead the precious name.

Lord, there is mercy now, As ever was, with Thee.  
Before Thy throne of grace I bow;  
Be merciful to me. Be merciful to me.

### †The Old Testament Lesson

- **Daniel 7:1-14**

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People: **Thanks be to God!***

## Intercessory Prayers

Minister: Let us pray for the Church, our congregation, and 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.

*People: **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.

*People: **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.

*People: **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.

*People: **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.

*People: **Lord, have mercy.*** *(prayers of the people)*

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

<sup>1</sup> †-- The congregation stands before the LORD (*those who are able*)

## The Offering

## The Sermon

- John 5:30-47

**John 5:30 - 6:1** <sup>30</sup>By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. <sup>31</sup>"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. <sup>32</sup>There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid. <sup>33</sup>"You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. <sup>34</sup>Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. <sup>36</sup>"I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, <sup>38</sup>nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. <sup>39</sup>You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, <sup>40</sup>yet you refuse to come to me to have life. <sup>41</sup>"I do not accept praise from men, <sup>42</sup>but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. <sup>43</sup>I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup>How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup>"But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. <sup>46</sup>If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup>But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

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## †Call to Faith – *Come Ye Sinners*

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able, He is *willing*; doubt no more...

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy....

Come ye weary, heaven laden, Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous, Sinners Jesus came to call...

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, Tis the Spirit's rising beam....

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood,  
Venture on Him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good....

## †Benediction

### Announcements

- **Special Service Tonight** – Our Deacon Ordination Service will be held tonight at Westminster Presbyterian Church; 3701 Jones Creek Road, Baton Rouge LA 70816. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- **Ministry Opportunity** -- South Baton Rouge PC is planning more one-day trips to the New Orleans area to help with the rebuilding work that is going on. There are trips planned for February 10, March 10 and April 14. Please RSVP to Mark Becker at [marknsuzan@integrity.com](mailto:marknsuzan@integrity.com) or 683-6886 if you have questions or would like sign up.
- **Pastoral Announcement** -- January 29 thru February 22, Pastor Scott Lindsay will be in Australia visiting his former church family; please pray for his trip and safe return. The Reverend Keith Berger will be preaching during Scott's absence.
- **Church Membership Seminar** -- For those interested in learning more about Church Membership, a 5-week membership seminar will be offered during the Sunday School hour, beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Weekly Calendar

- 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  
- **We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper**

All those who are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church (having been baptized & confessing Jesus as Lord) will be invited to participate in the ordinance. If you wish to receive the Lord's Supper, but you are not a member of any church, please contact a Pastor or Elder of South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church to discuss baptism and church membership. Likewise, if you are a non-communicating member of this church, and you wish to begin receiving the Lord's Supper, please see an Elder or Pastor. Parents of non-communicating children should prepare and exhort their children to seek admission to the Supper per our Book of Church Order 57-1 which states: "*Believers' children within the Visible Church, and especially those dedicated to God in Baptism, are non-communicating members under the care of the Church. They are to be taught to love God, and to obey and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. When they are able to understand the Gospel, they should be earnestly reminded that they are members of the Church by birthright, and that it is their duty and privilege personally to accept Christ, to confess Him before men, and to seek admission to the Lord's Supper.*"

### Special Event Reminders

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month:** **Community Group** at the Berger Home; please let Paige know if you are coming – 819-9561 (**this group will begin meeting again in February**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month:** SBRPC volunteer day with Hope Ministries; please contact Tim Smith if you are interested in participating.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> (make checks payable to SBRPC). See Andrew for details or visit [www.rymonline.org](http://www.rymonline.org).*
- July 14-21** - **St. Louis Urban Mission Trip; details coming soon**

### 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.  
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PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

January 28, 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.**

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and is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA),  
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to telling the world about Jesus.

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