

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

For Reflection in Preparation for Worship:

1 Peter 2:2-10 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation - ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ 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. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"¹ ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But 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. ¹⁰ 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.

Prelude

Salutation

To the South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church,
together with all of you who call upon the name of the Lord:
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 -based on Psalm 91:2; Rom 10:9-13

Let us worship God. **He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.** Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead. . . .**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.** Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Pastor: ^{Psalm 100} Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Church: ³ **Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Pastor: ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Church: **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
⁵ **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

†Song of Invitation – Come Away

*Come away from rush and hurry, to the stillness of God’s peace;
From our vain ambition’s worry, Come to Christ to find release
Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered, here to seek and find God’s face.*

*In the pastures of God’s goodness, we lie down to rest our soul,
From the waters of his mercy, we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of His presence, all His saints are richly fed.
With the oil of His anointing, into service we are led.*

*Come, then, children, with your burdens,
life’s confusions, fears and pain,
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His Kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them, He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment, when to self we gladly die.*

†Prayer of Adoration

The Lord Cleanses Us

†Call to Confession (in Unison)

*Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You
our sinful natures—quick to do evil and so often slow to do good—
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.
You alone know how often and how grievously we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and
in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Teach us to hate sin as you do, and to love righteousness,
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.
And we ask You, O most holy and loving Father, to so cleanse our hearts
that we may more and more live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

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

Assurance of Pardon - 1 Peter 2:24-25

Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news!

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. For the scripture proclaims:

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.*

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

†Greeting

†Song of Worship – To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done.
So loved He the world, that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate, that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
Through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory
Great things He hath done!*

Perfect Redemption, the purchase of blood.
To every believer, the promise of God;
The vilest offender, who truly believes.
That moment from Jesus, a pardon receives.

CHORUS

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing, thru Jesus, the Son;
But purer and higher, and greater will be,
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

CHORUS

The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

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 children, offer to You our humble praises for mercy in both creating us and sustaining us to this very day. For these mercies we bless and honor Your Glorious Name, humbly asking You to accept these sacrifices of our lips as the words of praise and thanksgiving that they are meant to be. And of all that we are thankful for, we are most grateful for the gift of your Son, who lay down in the grave and rose again for us. 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.*

Pastor: I ask your prayers for God’s people, in various churches, throughout the world; for our denomination; for this congregation. . . .

Church: Lord, hear our prayers. . . . (prayers of the people)

Pastor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans, and prisoners. . . .

Church: Lord, hear our prayers. . . . (prayers of the people)

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

Pastor: I ask your prayers for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. I pray that they may find and be found by Him.

Church: *Lord, hear our prayers. ... (prayers of the people)*

Pastor: I ask your prayers for Gospel workers throughout the world, along with those training and preparing for full-time Gospel work, including and especially those whom we are supporting

Church: *Lord, hear our prayers. ... (prayers of the people)*

Pastor: 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.

Church: *Amen!*

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

The Sermon

“Why, Who and How We Love

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Closing Song – O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be...*

*O Light, that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be...*

*O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be...*

*O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.*

The Lord Commissions Us

†The Benediction

Weekly Calendar

- Today** - New Community Group, originally scheduled to begin today, has been postponed because of Mother's Day. The Group will begin meeting June 10th. See flyer for more details
- Ministry and Theological Training at Church Office
- Tuesday** - Community Group at the Morris Home; contact Patrick Morris for details; (225) 772-7645
- Wednesday** - Community Group at the Pavy home; 7:00pm.
11524 Millburn Baton Rouge, LA 70815; 615-7601
- Thursday** - Women's Bible Study Fellowship – also at the Pavy home this week, see above for address.
- Next Sunday** - Morning Fellowship & Sunday School - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- The Lord's Service - 10:00 am
- Ministry & Theological Training at Church Office; 7-9 pm
- Sunday School Teachers Lunch & “In-Reach” committee meeting @ the Voelkel home after the service.

Announcements

- **Website Reminder** -- please check the church member website for announcement-updates, news articles and prayer requests throughout the week. To receive automatic News Updates, go to the bottom of the News page and click on “Notify me of new articles”.
- **RYM final payment and completed RYM forms are due today.** You may see Andrew after the service to “settle-up” ☺
- **Mission Trip Deposits are due today** -- Those planning to attend the St. Louis Summer Mission Trip, July 14-21, are asked to give Andrew Voelkel a \$50 deposit to confirm your spot on the team.
- **Morning Set-Up Volunteers needed** – The Deacons seeking volunteers who can help set-up for Sunday mornings. If you would like to serve in this capacity; please see a Deacon.
- **Meals Ministry** – The Deacons are interested in identifying those who would have an interest in being part of a ministry team committed to using their cooking skills to help and encourage others! You can indicate your interest either through email, if you received an announcement there, or by signing up sheet provided in the foyer after the service.

Special Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities

- **July 14-21, Youth & Family Urban Mission trip to St. Louis**
The cost is \$250 per person, which covers our food and lodging, and supports a Tutoring Program for inner city youth. We hope to bring a team of 19 people to staff the tutoring program, lead back-yard bible clubs, and engage in community service projects. Please contact Andrew Voelkel if you are interested.

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SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA]

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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