

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

May 20, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

A Prayer of Preparation for Worship:

O God, the strength of all those that trust in You, mercifully accept our worship and our prayers this day; and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without You, grant us the help of Your grace, that we, steadfastly believing in Your Son Jesus Christ, and loving one another as He has commanded us, may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prelude

Salutation

To all of *you* who are loved by God and called to be saints:
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

Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

Pastor: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my in most being, praise His holy name.
People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Pastor: Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey His word.
People: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
Pastor: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.
People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

†Song of Praise – Come, Thou Almighty King

*Come Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise:
Father! All glorious, o’er all victorious
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword. Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success.
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And n’er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To Thee, Great One in Three, eternal praises be, Hence evermore;
Thy sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
And to eternity, love and adore!*

†Prayer of Adoration

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

The Lord Cleanses Us

†Call to Confession (in Unison)

1 John 1:6-9

⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

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

Assurance of Pardon

- Psalm 34:17-18, 22

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit... The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

†Greeting

†Song of Supplication – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of Praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.*

The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Intercessory Prayers

Minister: Let us pray for the Church, the world and the progress of the Gospel.

UNISON: ALMIGHTY God, you have called the church out of the world that she might bring the world to you: Make us faithful, we ask, in the work you have entrusted to us. Stir up the hearts of your people here and everywhere, that by our prayers, gifts, and labors, we may joyfully participate in the spread of your Gospel over all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Congregational prayers)

Pastor: Father we ask all these things in Jesus’ powerful name...
Church: Amen!

The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

The Sermon

^{ESV} **1 John 2:3-11** And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. ⁷Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because¹ the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him¹ there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. ...

1 John 3:4-24 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's¹ seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, brothers,¹ that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them.

Dealing with Jesus for the Sake of Assurance (Part I)

1 John 2:3-11; 3:4-24

1 John Series – For the Sake of Assurance

For the Sake of Assurance, we must _____ Jesus

- I. Keeping his _____ (2:3,5)**
- a. **Doing what is _____ (2:5b,6 & 3:7)**
 - b. **Avoiding what is _____ (2:4 & 3:4,8,10)**
- II. Loving his _____ (2:7-11)**
- a. **With a _____ love (3:10b-11)**
 - b. **With a _____ love (3:12-16)**
 - c. **With a _____ love (3:17-24)**

The Lord Commissions Us

†Song of Commissioning – The Servant King

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him
To give our lives as a daily offering,
of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
“Yet not my will, but Yours”, he said

CHORUS

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

CHORUS

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

CHORUS

†The Benediction

Weekly Calendar	
Today	- Sunday School Teachers Lunch & “InReach” committee meeting @the Voelkels home after the service. - 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 Pourciau home; 7:00pm. 7335 Sevenoaks, 218-1279.
Thursday	- Women’s Bible Study Fellowship – Details TBA.
Next Sunday	- Morning Fellowship & Sunday School - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. - The Lord’s Service and Communion Service - 10:00 am - Ministry & Theological Training at Church Office ; 7-9 pm
Announcements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website Reminder -- please check the church member website for announcement-updates, news articles and prayer requests throughout the week. <i>To receive automatic News Updates, go to the bottom of the News page and click on “Notify me of new articles”.</i>• 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.• New Community Group will begin meeting June 10th. <i>See flyer in the foyer for my details.</i>	
Special Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <i>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.</i>	

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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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