

The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2006

10:00 a.m. Congregation

For Reflection & Preparation for Worship

Revelation 7:9-17 ⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 14:12-13 ¹² Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. ¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

John 11:25 ²⁵ Jesus said . . . , "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. . .

Prelude *(please be seated during this time)*

Salutation

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! *(based on 1 Peter 1:1-2)*

Welcome

†¹ **Call to Worship** **- 1 Peter 1:3-5; Psalm 95:1-2**

Minister:

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. *(1 Peter 1:3-5)*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! *(Psalm 95:1)*

Response:

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! *(Psalm 95:2)*

†**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**

†**Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Faithfulness & Repentance **- Hebrews 11:1 - 12:4**

^{ESV} **Hebrews 12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Confession of Sin *(concluded with the Lord’s Prayer)*

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

*and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon -

1 John 1:7 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.

1 John 2:1-2 if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

†**Song of Faith & Commitment - Lead on O King Eternal**

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, Your grace has made us strong
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper, The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning, Where-e’r Your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o’er us, We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of Might.

†**Greeting**

†**Song of Faith & Hope - For All the Saints**

For all the saints who from this labor’s rest
to thee by faith before the world confess
thy name O Jesus be forever blessed Alleluia! Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Allelu!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold. Alleluia! Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, Alleluia! Allelu!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia! Allelu!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Allelu!

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

Announcements, Prayer Requests & Prayers of the People

The Offering

The Sermon

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ESV ¹³ ... we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

All Call to Comfort One Another with Words of Hope

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†Closing Song – *It Is Well With My Soul*

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
“It is well, it is well with my soul”

*It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, It is well, with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul *Chorus*

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul! *Chorus*

And Lord haste the day, when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, And the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul! *Chorus*

†Benediction

Announcements

- **Elbow grease opportunity:** We are planning some one-day trips to the New Orleans area to help with the rebuilding work that is going on. The Saturdays being considered are Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16. Please RSVP to Mark Becker at marknsuzan@integrity.com or 683-6886 more than a week in advance of any weekends that you'd like to be involved with.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday	Men's Morning Fellowship Group; meeting at church Office (7384 Highland Rd. Suite E); 6:45-7:45 a.m. Fall Series: <i>Biblical Manhood</i> . See Jason Jennings or Andrew Voelkel if you have questions; or see <i>brochure</i> at www.sbrpres.org .
Wednesday	Community Group – <i>not meeting this week</i>
Thursday	Women's Fellowship & Study at the Blanchfield Home; 9:30-11:00 am. 5423 Southpointer. Childcare will be provided; please RSVP with Mellissa if you are bringing any children; 768-7983.
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Classes 10:00 a.m -The Lord's Service

Coming soon

Nov. 19th-20th	Youth Retreat for Junior-High and High-School students. At Voelkel Family cabin in Goodbee, LA. Students will leave from Tari's after the Lord's Service on Sunday Nov. 19 th , and will return to Tari's on Monday Evening. Parents who would like to come can see Andrew; there are 3 two extra bedroom available and plenty of floor space.
Nov. 26th	Elders' training begins. To be held at the church office, from 7-9pm; for more information speak to Michael Lipe or see information sheet in foyer.
Dec. 17th	Christmas party at the Grezaffi home; St. Francisville.

Reminders

- **2nd & 4th Sunday of each month:** Community Group meets at the Berger's home
- **2nd Wednesday of each month:** SBRPC volunteer day with Hope Ministries

Contact information for church leadership:

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**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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