

The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Edwin L. Blewer, Jr.  
by his family.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS.** This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance pad. There is an information center with material about our church and Presbyterianism in the foyer of the Jordan Street entrance to the sanctuary.

**CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** by Sitters' Registry and church volunteers. A nursery is available in CE-106 during both 8:45 morning prayer and 10:45 worship. During worship, Extended Session for 2-3-year-olds is offered in CE-105, and children 4 years - first grade are welcome in the Worship Center (CE-113).

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!** Bibles are available for use during worship; they are found at the end of every pew. We also provide **Worship Bags** designed for children elementary age and younger. The worship bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances to the sanctuary. Please return them after the service.

**THE ART** on the cover of the bulletin today is by Dr. He Qi, professor at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary and a tutor for master candidate students in the Philosophy Department of Nanjing University. He is also a member of the China Art Association and a council member of the Asian Christian Art Association.

**THE SESSION** has called a congregational meeting January 29, 2012, at the close of the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Officer Nominating Committee, to change the terms of call for the ministers, and present the budget for 2012.

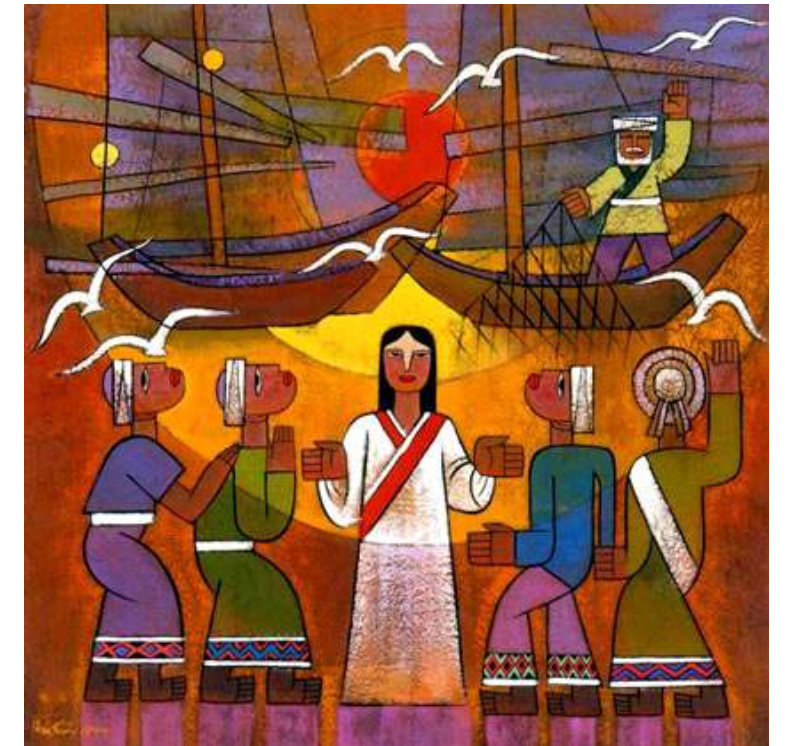
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kathryn and Miles McDowell on the birth of their daughter, Moira Diane, January 13, 2012. First Presbyterian grandparents are Jennifer and Bryan McDowell.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stuart and Clayton Hall on the birth of their twins, Anne Tatum and Fletcher Graves, on January 12, 2012. First Presbyterian grandfather of the twins is Don Hall.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God  
Ten Forty-Five O'Clock  
January 22, 2012  
Third Sunday after Epiphany



*Calling Disciples*

Elder Reader: Elton Richey  
Ushers: Carole Markham, Bill Warner, Doug Caulkins, Susan Lavergne, Sammy and Holly Guy  
Extended Session: Brantley Hodges  
Worship Center Leaders: Anna Gnann, Sharon Cage  
Acolytes: Elizabeth Lunn, Emma Lunn

### Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

#### Session Ministry Moderators:

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### Church Staff:

Pendleton B. Peery	Pastor
Bryan L. McDowell	Associate Pastor
Sarah Cooper Searight	Associate Pastor
Hollice S. Watson	Organist/Choir Director
Lindsey Wells Peery	Director of Children's Ministries
Carol Richey	Temporary Director of Children's Ministries
Peggy E. Sartin	Administrative Coordinator
Cindy K. Natale	Director, First Presbyterian Day School
Ginger Collier	Communications Director
Lauren Rogers	Director of Youth Ministry
Susan B. Whaley	Church Secretary
Lona L. Lockard	Staff Secretary
Jeff A. McKenzie	Sexton
Sherry L. Odom	Housekeeper
Lillie M. Sutton	Housekeeper

### Our Mission

*Responding to God's grace and building upon the strength of our Reformed tradition, we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, seek to: Proclaim joyfully the Good News, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; live as a welcoming and nurturing community of faith through worship, prayer, study and fellowship; and serve others - at home and beyond our community with love, compassion, respect, justice and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ and after His example. May God empower us by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our call to be God's people.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

(The congregation is asked to pray for the blessing of God upon this service.)

*God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.*

PRELUDE

*Sicilienne*

Maria Theresia von Paradis

INTROIT

*My Soul in Silence Waits for God*

CHESHIRE

The Sanctuary Choir

My soul in silence waits for God,  
Who my own hope has proved.

A rock and stronghold is my God,  
I never shall be moved.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

For God alone our souls wait in silence, for our hope comes from God.

**God alone is our rock, our salvation, and our fortress.**

We shall not be shaken.

**God is our rock and our refuge.**

Let us pour out our hearts before the Lord, who is our strength and shield.

from *Psalm 62*

†OPENING HYMN, No. 470

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, in the midst of our busy lives,  
you call us to join you on the journey.  
Too often we prefer the lures of this world  
to the abundant life you offer.  
Forgive us.**

**Lead us from the nets of our earthly concerns  
that we may follow your way  
and discover your truth.**

*(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence)*

KYRIE ELEISON, No. 572

Congregation and Choir

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE

*Gloria Patri*

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet one another saying: *“The peace of Christ be with you.”* Respond by saying: *“And also with you.”*  
*(Children are invited to come forward now for A Time with Children.)*

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

**Leader:** As you depart from us now, the children of God say:

**Children:** God be with you as you stay.

**Congregation: God be with you as you go.**

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

*Children, ages 2-3 yrs. who will be going to Extended Session and children, ages 4–first grade who will be in The Worship Center, may exit at this time through the narthex, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Pew Bible, page 498; large print, page 647

(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM

*Lovely Appear*

Charles Gounod

Rachel Hall, soprano, and Eliza Bonet, mezzo-soprano

Lovely appear over the mountains  
The feet of them that preach  
And bring good news of peace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible, page 33; large print, page 42

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Good Timing*

Rev. Sarah Cooper Searight

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

from *The Iona Community*

†HYMN, No. 430

*Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory

*How Beautiful Are the Feet*

George F. Handel

Rachel Hall, soprano

How beautiful are the feet of them  
That preach the gospel of peace,  
And bring glad tidings of good things.

†Doxology, No. 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 132

*Come, Great God of All of the Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

The Sanctuary Choir

In bold accord, come celebrate  
The journey now and praise the Lord!

†POSTLUDE

*Vivace*

Georg Frideric Handel

† Worshipers standing if able.