

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 *Christ, Thou Art My Life* Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
The Women of the Sanctuary Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a way as gives us breath; Such a life as killeth death.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The love of God is in this place.

**May God's love move as good news so that we may be inspired in ministry and mission.**

The peace of God is in this place.

**May God's peace rest upon us so that our worries can be quieted and our prayers may be voiced.**

The grace of God is in this place.

**May God's grace seek out our tired faith and revive us through the body of Christ.**

**In this holy place filled with God's love, peace, and grace, let us worship.**

†OPENING HYMN, No. 457

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, in humility, we must confess how we have not matured as your children. The hurting and helpless of our world cry out, and we cover our ears with hands which could be serving them. The forsaken and ridiculed of our neighborhoods and schools are looking for a community of acceptance, and we cover our eyes with hands which could welcome them. The lonely and grieving are listening for hope, and we cover our mouths with hands which could embrace them, as we sing gentle songs of grace to them.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Our times are in your hands, so help us to believe we can be healed in this moment. Our hearts are in your heart, so transform ours that we can serve your children. Our lives are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so call us to give them away in his name.**

*(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.)*

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Seth Ryan Aldrich  
Son of Denise and Dan Aldrich

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

*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 right front door, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:2-10  
Pew Bible, page 215; large print, page 282  
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM

*Plenty Good Room* African-American spiritual  
The Sanctuary Choir

Plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, 'Cause if my Lord should call on me,  
Just choose your seat and sit down. I wouldn't be ready to die.  
I would not be a sinner, I would not be a liar...  
I'll tell you the reason why; I would not be a backslider...

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-14  
Pew Bible, page 102; large print, page 132  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ***And You Know...*** Rev. Pendleton Peery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN, No. 384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*  
ST. MARGARET

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Christ, Thou Art My Life* Johann G. Walther  
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 417 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*  
REGENT SQUARE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
The Sanctuary Choir  
(The text appears earlier in the bulletin.)

†POSTLUDE *Gigue* Richard Hudson

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Jeanne Mack Gilley  
by her husband Billy H. Gilley,  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Huff, Mary Frances Mack Attrep, and  
Dr. and Mrs. Donald Mack and their families.

Elder Reader: Robert Folsom  
Ushers: Doug Caulkins, Eric Gnann, Rebecca Martin, Scott Martin, Zama Dexter, Jean Mendenhall  
Extended Session: Brantley Hodges  
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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. Nursery: Room CE-106; Extended Session during 11:00 a.m. worship for ages 2 yrs.—3 yrs.: Room CE-105 and The Worship Center for ages 4 yrs.— first grade: Room 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.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** If you would like to provide the flowers for worship on Sunday, please call Paula Frierson, 470-5479 or email PSFrierson1@aol.com. There are still a few Sundays available in June, July and August. Thank you.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God  
Eleven O'Clock  
May 22, 2011  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Do not let your  
hearts be troubled...

-John 14:1

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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.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.