

## 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 *Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit* Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT *Come Down, O Love Divine* W. Douglas Francis  
The Sanctuary Choir

Come down, O Love divine, O Comforter, draw near,  
Seek thou this soul of mine, Within my heart appear,  
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing; And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, O Holy Spirit, come;  
**That our sons and daughters shall prophesy.**  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come;  
**That our old shall dream dreams.**  
Come, O Holy Spirit, come;  
**That our young shall have visions.**  
Come, O Holy Spirit, and blow through this place;  
**That everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

-adapted from *Joel 2:28-32*

### †OPENING HYMN, No. 476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
Who poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples,  
and who gathered your church from every nation under  
heaven, we confess that too often we resist the work of your  
Spirit, and lead anxious, fearful lives.**

**Forgive us when we shut our ears to your word of grace,  
when we do not speak the good news of your life,  
and when we fail to live as a people made one in Christ Jesus.**

**Have mercy on us, Living Lord.  
Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit.  
Fill us with a flaming desire  
to be your faithful people, doing your will,  
speaking your love, and living 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 Cathie Dodson

*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.*

**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.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21  
Pew Bible, page 111; large print, page 144  
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *Breath of Life* Johann W. Franck  
The Sanctuary Choir

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
Revive thy church with life and power; Till humbly we confess our need;  
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us, Then in our tenderness remake us,  
And fit thy church to meet this hour. Revive, restore, for this we plead.  
O Breath of Love, come breathe within us, O Breath of Heaven, come fill, empower us,  
Renewing thought and will and heart: Renewing heart and soul and might;  
Come, Holy Spirit, now come to win us, Come, Holy Spirit, now move among us,  
Revive thy church in every part! Equip thy church to spread the light!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12  
Pew Bible, page 163; large print, page 211  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Better with Age* Rev. Pendleton Peery

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†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.**

†HYMN, No. 127 *Come, O Spirit* BOUNDLESS MERCY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Joe Utterback  
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Come Down, O Love Divine* W. Douglas Francis  
The Sanctuary Choir

And so the yearning strong, For none can guess its grace,  
With which the soul will long, Till he become the place  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling; Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

†POSTLUDE *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* Paul Manz

† Worshipers standing if able.

Elder Reader: Elton Richey  
Ushers: Anne Jenkins (captain), Oliver Jenkins, Mary Lynn Lunn, William Lunn,  
Laura Williamson, Mark Williamson  
Extended Session: Sabra Bushnell  
Worship Center Leaders: Anna Gnann, Brenda Nims

The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodson  
and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Yongue  
by Cathie and Frank Dodson.

**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

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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.

**THE PENTECOST OFFERING** will be received today, the day of Pentecost. It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities.

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

**THE PENTECOST BANNERS** in the sanctuary today were made during our Crosswalk Pentecost unit. The children who made them, from 1st-5th grade, participate in the Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School every week at 9:45 a.m.

**NEW MEMBER**—We welcome Kenneth M. Copeland into the fellowship of this church, by reaffirmation of faith, May 29, 2011.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Patricia and Paul Porter on the birth of their daughter, Hanna Faith, June 3, 2011.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
SHREVEPORT**

**A Service for the Worship of God  
Eleven O'Clock  
June 12, 2011  
Day of Pentecost**

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.**

-Thomas Merton

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.