

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 *Larghetto* George F. Handel

INTROIT *If We Sing At All* Stan Pethel
The Agape Singers from First Presbyterian, Arlington, TX
Russell Farnell, conductor; Cheryl Harris, pianist

If we sing at all, if we lift our voice in praise, If we sing at all of your everlasting love,
If we gather all together, If we share the joy you've given us
If your holy name we raise, That comes from heaven above,
If we sing a tune of grace, Let our faith be ever strong,
If we sing a song of truth, Let our strength be wholly yours,
Let our voices join as one Let us sing of everlasting life
In a song of praise to you. That evermore endures.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God, sing praises to his name.
Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds –
his name is the Lord – be exultant before him.

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.**

from *Psalm 68*

†OPENING HYMN, No. 155 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from
neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We
condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you
come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

(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 Sarah Searight

*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 John 17:1-11
Pew Bible, page 105; large print, page 136
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Pew Bible, page 221; large print, page 285
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Grace on Trial* Mr. McDowell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)
Hymnal, page 15

†HYMN, No. 421 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *This Is My Father's World* arr. Mack Wilberg
The Agape Singers
(The tune and text may be found on page 293 of the hymnal.)

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

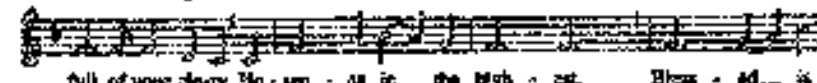
... who forever sing to the glory of your name:



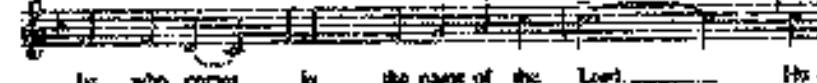
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.



God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are



full of your glory, no - one is as high as you. Bless - ed is



he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

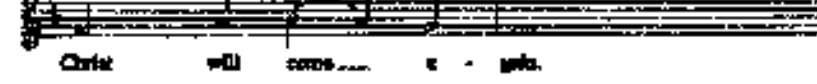


ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

Come to the mystery of faith:



*Christ has died, Christ is risen.



Christ will come again.

... All glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

†HYMN, No. 149 *The Head That Once Was Crowned* ST. MAGNUS

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *God Be in My Head* Victor Johnson
The Agape Singers

God be at my end, and at my departing.
God be within me.

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Wilcox
and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Chance
by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Chance, Jr.

Elder Reader: Nancy Broyles
Extended Session: Brantley Hodges
Worship Center Leaders: Kelly and Gene Hodgson

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Wilma Douglas Gilbert—May 27, 2011

*We express sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Wilma
Gilbert, and we rejoice with them in assurance of resurrection.*

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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.

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.

WE WELCOME to our worship this morning the Agape Singers Youth Choir from First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, Texas! They are under the direction of Russell Farnell, and their accompanist is Cheryl Harris. They are singing at our church this morning on their way to New Orleans for a Music and Mission trip. We welcome these singers and the rest of their mission team, and bid them well in the remainder of their tour!

THE PENTECOST OFFERING is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (June 12, 2011). 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. These children in 1st-5th grade participate in the Workshop Rotation Model Sunday school every week at 9:45 a.m.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SHREVEPORT**

**A Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
June 5, 2011
Seventh Sunday of Easter**



Trial of the Apostle Paul
Nikolai K. Bodarevski (1850-1921)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.