

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 *Improvisation on 'I Wanna Be Ready'*  
Hollice Smith Watson

INTROIT *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG  
The Summer Men's Choir

When in our music God is glorified, It is as though the whole creation cried:  
And adoration leaves no room for pride, Alleluia! Amen!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

I consider the sufferings of this present time  
**not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.**  
For the creation waits with eager longing  
**for the revealing of the children of God.**  
We know that the whole creation  
**has been groaning in labor pains until now;**  
And not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
**who have the first fruits of the Spirit,**  
Groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,  
**the redemption of our bodies.**

All: **For in hope we were saved.**  
from *Romans 8*

†OPENING HYMN, No. 481 *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*  
LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,**  
**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed too much**  
**the devices and desires of our own hearts.**  
**We have offended against your holy laws.**  
**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;**  
**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Spare those who confess their faults.**  
**Restore those who are penitent,**  
**according to your promises declared to the world**  
**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*(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 Karen Yoder Day  
*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 Genesis 28:10-19a  
Pew Bible, page 24; large print, 30  
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *I Wanna Be Ready* Arr. William Farley Smith  
The Summer Men's Choir

I wanna be ready to walk John said the city was just foursquare.  
In Jerusalem just like John. And he declared he'd meet me there.  
O John, what did you say? Now sinners, mind how you step on the cross.  
That you'd be there on judgment day. Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24-30  
Pew Bible, page 15; large print, 17  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *To Weed, Or Not To Weed...*  
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, Psalm 139 from Psalter for Christian Worship  
ABBOT'S LEIGH

**Thou, O LORD, hast searched and known me,**  
**When I rest, and when I rise;**  
**Not a single thought I cherish**  
**Is kept secret from Thine eyes.**  
**Ev'ry word my lips would murmur**  
**Needs no speech to make it known;**  
**All I do, ere it be started,**  
**Is as done to Thee alone.**

**Whither shall I flee Thy Spirit?**  
**From Thy presence, vanish where?**  
**Heights of heaven, darkest shadows**  
**Hide me not, for Thou art there.**  
**If I take the wings of morning,**  
**And in earth's far corner stand;**  
**Even there Thy love will find me,**  
**Hold me fast within Thy hand.**

**In the brilliance of Thy glory,**  
**Darkest night is bright as day;**  
**Shadows flee the path before me,**  
**When Thy wisdom lights my way.**  
**Thou who knit my parts together,**  
**Knew my life before my birth,**  
**Sees my faults, yet trusts my promise**  
**Far beyond my feeble worth.**

**LORD, how precious is Thy favor**  
**Shown in Thy goodwill to me;**  
**To the godless in their rancor,**  
**Let me Thy confessor be.**  
**Search, O LORD, my heart's ambitions,**  
**Thoughts my mouth would dare not say;**  
**Judge with mercy, and preserve me**  
**In the everlasting way.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Improvisation on DRESDEN* Hollice Smith Watson  
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Go in Peace* Hollice Smith Watson  
The Summer Men's Choir  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Amen.

†POSTLUDE *Improvisation on 'I Wanna Be Ready'*  
Hollice Smith Watson

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Staman  
and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ogilvie  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ogilvie.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God  
Eleven O'Clock  
July 17, 2011  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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** our Summer Men's Choir to the choir loft for July! For more information on rehearsals and what to expect, see the announcement in the bulletin Link.

On reading the parables:  
“in some ways we will be  
as confused as ever,  
but I hope that we will be  
confused at a higher level  
and about  
more important things.”

-CH Dodd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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