

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 *Ode to Joy* arr. Joyce Jones

INTROIT *Thine is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS  
The Summer Men's Choir

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life! Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Make us more than conquerors Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.  
Through Thy deathless love;

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In all these things we are more than conquerors

**Through Him who loved us.**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

**Nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present**

Nor things to come, nor height, nor depth,

**Nor anything else in all creation**

Shall be able to separate us

**From the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Amen. Hallelujah!**

†OPENING HYMN, No. 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**What then are we to say about our lives? We know how often we have duped others with our deceit. We remember how often we promise one thing, only to do the opposite. We struggle to trust you, while we so easily listen to the promises of those who would pull us away from you.**

**God, forgive us. Your grace is more powerful than any of our sins, your hope is more durable than our silly choices, your love will traverse anything which separates us from you. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are forgiven!**

*(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 Lindsey Peery

**Recognition of Vacation Bible School Leaders**

*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 29:15-28  
Pew Bible, page 25; large print, page 32  
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *Gift of Christ from God Our Father* Welsh melody  
The Summer Men's Choir

Gift of Christ from God our Father,	In the work of intercession,
Come, Spirit, come!	In the healing of confession,
Well of life and generous giver,	In success and in depression,
Come, Spirit, come!	Come, Spirit, come!
With your light our minds enlighten,	Gift of Christ for our salvation,
With your grace our talents heighten,	Come, Spirit, come!
With your joy our worship brighten,	Bring to birth your new creation,
Come, Spirit, come!	Come, Spirit, come!
Gift of Christ to help us praying,	All the devil's work undoing,
Come, Spirit, come!	Christ's own ministry pursuing,
Advocate beside us staying,	Glory in the Church renewing!
Come, Spirit, come!	Come, Spirit, come!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:26-39  
Pew Bible, page 148; large print, page 192  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Message for the Whole of Our Lives*  
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. 207 *How Lovely, Lord* MERLE'S TUNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING  
Offertory *Improvisation on 'Children of the Heavenly Father'*

Hollice Watson

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

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

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

†POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alexander Stillwell "Bull" Buteau by the Chris Frierson family.

Elder Reader: George Fritze  
Ushers: Mary Anne Selber, Lisa Schrott, Barb Deane, Susie Nunnally, Eydie Comeaux  
Extended Session: Barbara Colvin  
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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.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** We continue to be grateful for the congregation's financial support of our church's mission and ministry. Please keep your pledges to the annual budget up to date, especially in the summer months. Thank you!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God  
Eleven O'Clock  
July 24, 2011  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

In life and in death we  
belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit, we trust in the one triune  
God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship  
and serve.

*-From A Brief Statement of Faith*

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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.