

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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

INTROIT *Gift of Christ from God Our Father*
Welsh melody
The Summer Women's Choir

Gift of Christ from God our Father, With your light our minds enlighten,
Come, Spirit, come! With your grace our talents heighten,
Well of life and generous giver, With your joy our worship brighten,
Come, Spirit, come! Come, Spirit, come!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,
as the rain falls on the just and unjust alike

**All: Refresh us with your mercy,
who knows our own injustice.**

One: As the stream flows steadily on,
defying all the odds of stone and water

**All: Flow over every boundary and border
that separates us from each other.**

One: As the waters of our baptism washed and welcomed us

All: Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.

†OPENING HYMN, No. 471 *O Praise the Gracious Power*
CHRISTPRAISE RAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy 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.)

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Betty Henderson
*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

EPISTLE READING I Peter 5:1-4
Pew Bible, page 221; large print, page 285
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *Lord, You Are Near Me* Mark Patterson
The Summer Women's Choir

Lord, you are near me; I will not fear. Lord, help me trust in you,
You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear. Keep me close I pray.
Darkness may cover me, Help me know, dear Lord, you are near me.
But soon your light appears, When I sleep, when I wake,
And I know, dear Lord, you are near me. Night and day you are near me.
Lord, you are near me; leading each day. When I cry, when I pray,
Teach me to follow, show me the way. Lord, I know you will hear me.

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:3-9
Pew Bible, page 48; large print, page 62
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Generous Hospitality: Reflections from a Pilgrimage to Bangladesh

Anna Gnann, Madeline Haynie, David Henderson and Chris Webb

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *from the Iona Community*

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link hands,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to
share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and to put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the spirit for God's new
community of hope.**

†HYMN, No. 333 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY
(The choir will sing verse one first, then
the congregation will join singing verses 1 and 2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Largo* Antonio Vivaldi
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 377 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

CLOSING RESPONSES

One: Look at your hands, see and touch the tenderness,

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior,

All: God's own for the world.

One: This is God's world,

All: and we will serve God in it.

†BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Through the Love of God Our Saviour*
Welsh melody
The Summer Women's Choir

Through the love of God our Saviour,
All shall be well;
Free and changeless is his favor;
All must be well;
Precious is the love that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All, all is well.

We expect a bright tomorrow,
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All must be well;
While his truth we are applying,
And upon his love relying,
God is every need supplying.
All, all is well.

†POSTLUDE *Prélude from the Te Deum*
Marc-Antoine Charpentier
† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Carolyn Beaird
by Susan Beaird and
Candy and John Beaird.

Elder Reader: Archer Frierson
Ushers: Neil Erwin, Glenda Erwin, Carol Shockey, John Guth, Margaret Schuetze,
Paul Schuetze, Stephen Glassell, Berry Glassell
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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 Women's Choir to the choir loft for August! For more information on rehearsals and what to expect, see the announcement in the bulletin Link.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to Charlotte Schaff and family in the death of her mother, Helen Claire Everett, of DeLand, Florida, August 6, 2011, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Kelly Updegraff and Garrett Staples, who were married July 30, 2011.

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
August 14, 2011
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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