

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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord* CRIMOND
The Women of the Sanctuary Choir

Behold the goodness of our Lord, A company of God's beloved,
How blest it is to be In holy unity.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to the Lord;
The earth and all its people.
How good and lovely it is;
To live together in unity.
Love and faith come together;
Justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent;
Those stones would shout aloud.
Lord, open our lips;
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

†OPENING HYMN, No. 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God be merciful to me a sinner, a sinner in the company of sinners. Too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust in the good things we do. Seemingly safe in our pews, we look down on those who are not here, thankful that we are not like them. Yet, the truth is, we are. We have all sinned. We have all fallen short of the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

(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

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.**

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 narthex, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Pew Bible, page 528; large print, page 687
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire* arr. Moses Hogan
The Sanctuary and Youth Choirs

God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, hallelujah!
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah!
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days, hallelujah!
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days, hallelujah!
God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, hallelujah!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23:1-12

Pew Bible, page 24; large print, page 31
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Tearing Down the Phylactery Factory* Rev. Pen Peery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q and A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

†HYMN, No. 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Paul Manz
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT, No. 391 *Take My Life* HENDON

(The congregation is invited to bring their commitment cards and place them in baskets at the front of the chancel.)

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *The Trees of the Field* Stuart Dauermann
The Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

**You shall go out with joy And all the trees of the field
And be led forth with peace; Will clap their hands,
The mountains and the hills The trees of the field
Will break forth before you; Will clap their hands,
There'll be shouts of joy, The trees of the field
And all the trees of the field Will clap their hands,
Will clap, will clap their hands. While you go out with joy.**

†POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Michael Praetorius

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the ordination of Rev. Catherine Dodson Goodrich.

Elder Reader: Robert Folsom

Ushers: Anne Jenkins (team captain), Oliver Jenkins, Mary Lynn Lunn, William Lunn, Laura Williamson, Mark Williamson, Jean Mendenhall

Extended Session: Jacque Brinegar, Sharon Cage

Worship Center Leaders: Lindsey Wells Peery, Lynda Griffey

Acolytes: Drew Dethloff, Carl Hodgson

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. A nursery is available in CE-106 during both 8:45 morning prayer and 10:45 worship. During worship, Extended Session for 2-3-year-olds is offered in CE-105, and children 4 years - first grade are welcome in the Worship Center (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.

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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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God
Ten Forty-Five O'Clock
October 30, 2011
Reformation Sunday

**ecclesia reformata,
semper reformanda
secundum
verbi dei**

*(The church reformed,
always being reformed
according to the
Word of God)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.