

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* Hollice S. Watson

INTROIT *The Summons* John Bell  
The Sanctuary Choir

Will you come and follow me Will you let my love be shown,  
If I but call your name? Will you let my name be known,  
Will you go where you don’t know Will you let my life be grown in you  
And never be the same? And you in me?

†CALL TO WORSHIP

To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,  
**God calls us to be light.**

To a world where every appetite is fed until there is not taste to life,  
**God calls us to be salt.**

To a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,  
**God calls us to be faithful.**

†OPENING HYMN, No. 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are the light of the world, O Christ, yet we do not reflect that light. You have called us salt, but our lives are bland and inspire no one. You give wisdom and the means for discerning your will. Yet we are aimless and prisoners of the whims of others. Forgive our lackluster performance as actors in your drama of salvation. Set us right and renew us by your Spirit. In Christ’s name we pray. 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 34:14-22  
Pew Bible, page 481; large print, page 625  
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *Everywhere I Go* Natalie Sleeth  
The Sanctuary Choir

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me, He is with me day by day,  
If I call upon him, he will hear me, He will be my strength and stay;  
Never will I fear, for the Lord is near From his path I will not stray  
Everywhere I go. But follow in his way,  
In the dark of night should things alarm me, In the coming days of joy or sadness  
Ever in his sight, no ill may harm me, I will praise his name with songs of gladness,  
I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, For to me it’s clear that the Lord is near  
Everywhere I go. Everywhere I go.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:49-50  
Pew Bible, page 43; large print, page 55

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Peace and Uprightness* The Rt. Rev. Mankhin

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. 428 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING Pam Neff  
Offertory *Improvisation* Hollice S. Watson  
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 554 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *The Summons* John Bell  
The Sanctuary Choir

Lord, your summons echoes true In your company I’ll go  
When you but call my name. Where your love and footsteps show.  
Let me turn and follow you Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you  
And never be the same. And you in me.

†POSTLUDE *Improvisation* Hollice S. Watson

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. James Truman Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Yeager, and Mrs. Margaret Reeves Taylor by Dr. and Mrs. Rod Yeager and family.

Elder Reader: Rick LaBorde  
Ushers: Anne Jenkins (captain), Oliver Jenkins, Laura Williamson, Mark Williamson, Mary Lynn Lunn, William Lunn, Jean Mendenhall  
Extended Session: Sabra Bushnell  
Worship Center Leaders: Brenda Nims, Lisa Vickers  
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## WORSHIP NOTES

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**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 available for 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer and 10:45 a.m. Worship in Room CE-106; Extended Session during 10:45 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.

**TODAY WE WELCOME** in worship and into our pulpit the Rt. Rev. Mankhin, Bishop of Kushtia Diocese in Bangladesh and the deputy moderator of the Church of Bangladesh who will be visiting the presbytery as part of the International Peacemaker visits organized by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. You are invited to meet Bishop Mankhin after worship during a reception in the dining room/atrium.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God  
Ten Forty-Five O'Clock  
October 9, 2011  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.