

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 *Gigue* William Selby

INTROIT *Give Praise to the Lord* C. Hubert H. Parry
The Sanctuary Choir

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song, A song to your maker and ruler now raise,
Amid all the saints God's praises prolong; All children of Zion, rejoice and give praise.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song.

Praise the Lord! Give thanks in the assembly of the faithful.

Let us praise God's name with dancing.

Let us make melody and sing songs to the God of all creation.

Let Israel be glad in her Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

†OPENING HYMN, No. 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

(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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14
Pew Bible, page 148; large print, page 197
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12:1-14
Pew Bible, page 56; large print, page 72
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Day of Remembrance*
Rev. Sarah Cooper Searight

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed
(Ecumenical Version) *Hymnal*, page 15

†HYMN, No. 508 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Air* Jean Joseph Mouret
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Crown to the mystery of faith:


The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

†HYMN, No. 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* LAND OF REST
The Sanctuary Choir

Then let us go to serve in peace, God's Spirit has empowered us;
The gospel to proclaim. We go in Jesus' name.

†POSTLUDE *Voluntary* William Selby
†Worshippers standing if able.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Russell Owen Rigby
by their family.

Elder Reader: Rob Ajluni
Ushers: Carole Markham (captain), Neil Erwin, Glenda Erwin, Bill Warner
Extended Session: Sabra Bushnell

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Clarence Wells—August 27, 2011

We express sincere sympathy to Mary Wells and family in the death of her husband, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

Barbara Lee Purnell Hiers—August 29, 2011

We express sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Hiers, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

Virginia Fulton Kirby—August 30, 2011

We express sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia Kirby and rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

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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: 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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
September 4, 2011
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either bread or matzah, but on this night we eat only matzah?

Matzah reminds us that when the Jews left Egypt, they had no time to bake their bread, but took raw dough and baked it into crackers.

Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs, but on this night we eat only bitter herbs?

Maror reminds us of the bitter and cruel way the Pharaoh treated the Jewish people as slaves in Egypt.

Why is it that on all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once, but on this night we dip them twice?

We dip bitter herbs into Charoset to remind us of the bitterness of our slavery. The chopped apples and nuts look like clay used to make bricks for Pharaoh's buildings. We dip parsley in salt water to remember the tears of our captivity.

Why is it that on all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but on this night we eat in a reclining position?

We lean on our pillows to remind us that we are free and no longer live as slaves.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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