



**SOUTH BATON ROUGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA]**
Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

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Welcome!

At South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church we seek to celebrate God's grace through Jesus Christ, who came to give us life, today and for eternity. We also seek to cultivate a safe environment for the convinced and unconvinced to hear the free offer of the gospel in Jesus Christ. Whether you are a follower of Jesus, or it has been a while since you've considered your relationship to Him, or you are exploring His claims for the first time, we are delighted to have you with us today.

If you are a guest, please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card on the table in the foyer before you leave, or complete the last page of bulletin, tear off, and place in the offering basket during the offering. If you leave your contact information, we would be grateful to follow up with any information that may help you learn more about the ministry of South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church. Once again, we are glad you are here!

In Christ,
Nathan Tircuit

For Your Children

Before the Service

Spiritual Formation

Sunday School classes are offered for children, ages 3 – 12th grade, and adults from 9:00-9:45am.

Nursery

Nursery care is also offered during the Sunday School hour for ages 0-3 years old.

During the Service

Children's Church

A children's church class is offered for ages 4-5 years old during the sermon portion of the worship service. Children will be dismissed to their class during the hymn prior to the sermon and then brought back into the sanctuary at the close of the sermon. (You will notice symbols by some of the elements of worship in this bulletin. These are used in children's church as a help to your children for learning about worship.)

Nursery

A nursery is offered through the worship service for children, ages 0-3 years old.

Reflections

The following reflection(s) is to be used as a help to engage your heart prior to the worship service. Please use the time prior to the gathering song to drop off any nursery age children, use the restroom, grab a last coffee, and spend time in preparation.

When we understand the character of God, when we grasp something of His holiness, then we begin to understand the radical character of our sin and hopelessness. Helpless sinners can survive only by grace. Our strength is futile in itself; we are spiritually impotent without the assistance of a merciful God. We may dislike giving our attention to God's wrath and justice, but until we incline ourselves to these aspects of God's nature, we will never appreciate what has been wrought for us by grace. Even Edwards's sermon on sinners in God's hands was not designed to stress the flames of hell. The resounding accent falls not on the fiery pit but on the hands of the God who holds us and rescues us from it. The hands of God are gracious hands. They alone have the power to rescue us from certain destruction."

-R.C. Sproul

This characteristically Christian sense of the mercy and the terror (fear) of the Lord is the seed-bed in which awareness grows that lifelong repentance is a "must" of holy living. That awareness will not grow under any other conditions. Where it is lacking, any supposed sanctity will prove on inspection to be flawed by complacency about oneself and short-sightedness about sin. Show me, then, a professed Christian who does not see and insist on the need for ongoing repentance, and I will show you a stunted soul for whom God is not as yet the Holy One in the full biblical sense. For such a person, true Christian holiness is at present out of reach.

-J.I. Packer

Gathering Song

Please use this time to find your seats, prepare your hearts for worship and sing together.

Come Away

Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry,
Come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
Life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness
We lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of his mercy
We drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence
All his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing
Into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens –
Life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
Take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them –
He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 95:1 (ESV)

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

Please make outside seats available for our friends and neighbors who are joining us for worship this morning.

Hymn of Praise When This Passing World Is Done

When this passing world is done, When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory, Looking o'er life's finished story,

When I stand before the throne, Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art, Love Thee with unsinning heart,

*Then Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.*

When the praise of Heav'n I hear, Loud as thunders to the ear,
Loud as many waters' noise, Sweet as harp's melodious voice,

*Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.*

Chosen not for good in me, Wakened up from wrath to flee,
Hidden in the Savior's side, By the Spirit sanctified,

*Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,
By my love, how much I owe.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession



Luke 15:7 (ESV)

Pastor: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Congregation: Let us, then confess our sins to the Lord.

Corporate Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our loving Father, you have been gracious and kind to us, your children. You have forgiven our iniquity, covered our sin, withdrawn your wrath, turned from your anger. Yet we continue to go our own way, to return to our former sinful habits - we have failed to learn from our past failures. But we pray that you, O Father, God of our salvation, will keep us in your loving mercy, turn us from our folly, speak peace to us, and revive us your children yet again, through Jesus, whom in love you sent to deliver us from these very sins we now silently confess to you. . .

(Silent confession of sins)

Pastor: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for coming to earth to save your people from their sins.

Congregation: Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness



Psalm 103:8, 10, 12, 14 (ESV)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. . . He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. . . as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. . . For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are but dust.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Assurance Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior Precious redeemer and friend
Who would have thought that a lamb Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, you rescue the souls of men

Counselor, comforter, keeper Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have Hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

*You are the one that we praise
You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, infinite Father Faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us Falling before your throne
Oh, we're falling before your throne
Refrain

Serving and Connecting at SBRPC

This is a time to note opportunities for serving God in our church and community as well as for fostering relationships within the body of Christ.

Confession of Faith (Unison)



The Apostles' Creed

This is a time when we join in stating what we believe, using the language of the Bible, an historic creed, confession or catechism of the Church.

**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

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Hymn of Preparation

At this time, children ages 4-5, are dismissed to Children's Church.

Laden With Guilt And Full Of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.

This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

The Lord Speaks to Us Through His Word



Exodus 4:18-31 (ESV)

A Bridegroom of Blood

Nathan Tircuit

18 Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." 19 And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." 20 So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'

24 At a lodging place on the way the LORD met him and sought to put him to death. 25 Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!" 26 So he let him alone. It was then that she said, "A bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

27 The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. 28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him to speak, and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. 29 Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. 30 Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Notes:



Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is 10% of our worldly goods as commanded in God's Word; Our offerings are what we give to God above and beyond the tithe. If you are a guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. You may also give online at www.sbrpc.org at any time.

Children return from Children's Church

Offertory **Instrumental – Janet Simmons**

Prayer of Thanks and Supplication

The Lord's Supper **Lord Jesus Comfort Me (A Communion Hymn)**

Bread

You have canceled my transgression, Jesus, by Your precious blood
May I find therein salvation, happiness, and peace with God
And since You for sinner's suffering on the cross was made an offering
From all sin deliver me, that I wholly Yours may be

All the pain You have endured, all Your wounds, Your crown of thorn
Hands and feet with nails through bored, the reproach which You have borne
Your back, ploughed with deep furrows, cross and grave and all Your sorrows
Your blood-sweat and agony, oh Lord Jesus, comfort me

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

Wine

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for our salvation, slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, See in solemn pomp appear;
All His saints, by man rejected, Now shall meet Him in the air:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come

Closing Hymn 
Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Jude 20-21 ESV Adapted

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Amen.

Dismissal 

Pastor: Now let us go out to serve Baton Rouge and the world as those who
 love and are loved by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Congregation: We go in Jesus' name

Announcements

WELCOME

We're glad you're here today! Would you like to know more about us? Fill out a Connect Card and put it in the offering plate, or see our website: sbrpc.org.

If you would like to learn more about the ministry of SBRPC or are interested in becoming a member of SBRPC, please contact Woody Markert at woody@sbrpc.org.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Richard & TC Bailey, Home Mission Assignment (HMA)

TC and I have been stateside for a few months on HMA, (it used to be called furlough) is a time to re-connect and report to supporters, churches and find new financial partners. We are based in Zachary and have traveled around to six states so far. I think our heads have rested on about sixteen different pillows! We attended a *Mission to the World* conference for those home on HMA and have participated in a few Missions Conferences. We've been able to spend a good bit of time with our children and grandchildren in Baton Rouge. The other two sons are in Tasmania, AU and Antarctica. We are looking forward to sharing with you in April.

OUTREACH

The next Gardere Garden event is planned for **Monday, May 6th at Hartley-Vey Park in Gardere @ 4:30pm.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group will meet tonight. 6th-12th grade **4:30-6pm.** For more regular youth updates, parents (or students!) can opt-in to a groupme message (QR code)



TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday April 12th from 5:30-7:30 at the Church

All are welcome! Food, Competition, and Prizes. Note that there will be childcare for children ages 0-3 (please indicate in the comment area of signup if needed). 4 and up are welcome to join in the games! Please sign up here to help us prepare.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, Apr. 26th 5:30-8pm @SBRPC. Parents of children ages 0-5th grade will have the opportunity to drop their children at the church to be supervised by youth students and adult volunteers. Event will serve as fundraiser to offset cost for summer youth trips. Suggested donation of \$20/child.



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GREETING MINISTRY

Sign up now to share in the weekly service of greeting our congregation at the door, passing out bulletins, welcoming visitors, and making coffee before Sunday school. This need is both a simple one yet also a crucial one and is a great way to be involved in the life of our church through service to one another! Please look at the dates on the form accessed through the QR code below and find a time that matches your availability.



ELDER & DEACON NOMINATION

The Elders are calling on the members of SBRPC to pray that the Lord might raise up godly men to fill the office of Deacon and Elder in order to serve the church in an official capacity. **We are officially calling for nominations beginning March 24th and will take them through April 14th.**

CHURCH WORKDAY

The Deacons will be having a church workday on **Saturday, April 27th beginning at 8am.** If you interested in helping, please contact Arthur Brignac.

HYMN SING

We will be gathering on **April 28th** at 5:30 pm at the church for an evening of singing. Childcare will be provided.

MINISTRY APPRECIATION

For the last ten years, Ande Johnson has devoted himself to ministering to LSU students as Campus Minister of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). The Johnson family have been members of South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church for that time. **On Sunday, April 28, we will honor Ande for his ministry over the past decade,** as an expression of our appreciation and love for him, Kelly, Owen, Knox, Harper, and Audrey as they prepare to relocate. We invite everyone to remain after worship to personally express your affection and appreciation to them. Light refreshments will be served. **Please plan to stay and participate.**

VBS

Save the date! VBS will be June 17th – 20th. Sign up to follow.

CRAWFISH BOIL

Save the date! Church-wide Crawfish boil will be Sunday, May 5th. Signup to follow.