

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 25, 2021

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

## ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Ps. 34:1-4, 8

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
 My soul will make its boast in the LORD;  
**The humble will hear it and rejoice.**  
 O magnify the Lord with me,  
**And let us exalt His name together.**  
 I sought the LORD, and He answered me,  
**And delivered me from all my fears.**  
 O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
**How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

Prayer of Invocation

- \* Hymn # 100....."Holy, Holy, Holy!"
- \* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Job 12:1-12

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on John Calvin and Théodore de Bèze.....read responsively

My brothers, let each of us present himself before the Lord to offer humble confession of his sins, by following these words:

**Lord God, Eternal and All-Powerful Father, we recognize and we confess before your Holy Majesty that we are but wretched sinners, born in corruption, inclined to evil, and incapable in ourselves to do that which is good.**

We transgress every day and in many ways your holy commandments, with the result that we call down upon ourselves, by your just judgment, condemnation, and death.

**But, Lord, we are greatly grieved to have offended you, and we condemn ourselves and our vices, returning humbly to your grace with a serious repentance, and crying out to you to aid us in our misery.**

Therefore, please have pity toward us, most gracious God, Father of compassion, and forgive our sins for the love of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**Grant us, also, the continual and growing grace of your Holy Spirit, so that, recognizing more and more our faults and being vigorously moved, we will renounce them with our whole heart.**

And grant that we may receive from you that portion of the fruit of righteousness and holiness that is agreeable to your will.

**We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of God to all who repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

*"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."* Acts 4:12

Therefore I declare to you:

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.* John 3:16

**Amen!**

## CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

- \* Hymn # 469....."How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

- \* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Mark 4:1-9

The Westminster Shorter Catechism.....read responsively

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.**

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

- \* Doxology.....page xvi

- \* Offertory Prayer

- \* Hymn # 470....."How Vast the Benefits Divine"

## MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Intercession

- \* Reading of the Word of God.....Mark 4:10-20

Sermon: "The Parable of the Sower".....Dr. Jones

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## RESPONSE AND BLESSING

- \* Hymn # 529....."Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

- \* Benediction

- \* Congregational Threefold Amen

Mark 4:10-20 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, *be-*  
*gan* asking Him *about* the parables. <sup>11</sup> And He was saying to them,  
"To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but  
those who are outside get everything in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that WHILE  
SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY  
MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN  
AND BE FORGIVEN." <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "Do you not understand  
this parable? How will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> "The  
sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> "These are the ones who are beside the road  
where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan  
comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. <sup>16</sup> "In  
a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the  
rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it  
with joy; <sup>17</sup> and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only*  
temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the  
word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> "And others are the ones on  
whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have  
heard the word, <sup>19</sup> but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness  
of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the  
word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> "And those are the ones on whom  
seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it  
and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

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# DeRidder Presbyterian Church

April 25, 2021

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Pastor

" To Glorify God, and Enjoy Him Forever "

# DeRidder Presbyterian Church Announcements

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We welcome all worshippers, especially our new visitors.  
Please talk to the pastor about scheduling a visit in your home this week.

**COMMUNION** – We observe the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s Day during our corporate worship. The center cups contain grape juice for those who cannot partake of the wine in good conscience.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** – Please take the time now to mark the places in your Bibles for the Scripture readings later in the service.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Happy Birthday to Timothy Munson, this Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

**REASSIGNMENT** – The Munson family will be leaving this week for reassignment in Georgia. Please remember to hold them up before the throne of grace. May God bless Jon, Rita, and the children with His boundless love in our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**BIBLE STUDY** – This Wednesday we will continue our Bible Study. Please read Lord’s Day 35 from the Heidelberg Catechism study guide.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.  
Fellowship & Coffee.....10:30 A.M.  
Corporate Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
This Sunday the URL for YouTube is:.....[https://youtu.be/K\\_IYnKwgfGQ](https://youtu.be/K_IYnKwgfGQ)

### Wednesday

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.

### Community Pregnancy Center

420 McMahon Street  
DeRidder, Louisiana 70634  
(337) 463-9500

Office Hours:  
Tues. and Wed. 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

## DeRidder Presbyterian Church Prayer Requests

### THE CHURCH

FRPC.....Meeting place destroyed by hurricane; future plans  
DeRidder PC.....10 new families; evangelistic zeal  
Vanguard Presbytery  
Persecuted Christians.....Pastor Wang Yi & Early Rain Covenant Church, China  
Pastor James Coates & GraceLife Church, Canada  
Pastor Steve Richardson & Faith Presbyterian Church, Canada

### MISSIONARIES

African Bible Colleges.....Students and teachers  
Bill Carr.....Mokahum Ministry Center (Native American Ministry) in Bemidji, MN  
Scott Clement.....(RE Plains PCA, Zachary) Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico  
Pregnancy Care Center.....Financial needs; wisdom for board and volunteers

### EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Sarah (Jones) Lanclos.....Girl (Emma); due May 12, 2021

### CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

#### (Under Age 20)

Abigail Godwin (assoc member) Aria Morrison (non com member)  
Matthew Lungrin (com member) Cora Saladin (assoc member)  
Theresa Lungrin (non com member) Evelyn Saladin (assoc member)

### SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chaplain Ken and Sarah Godwin & family.....Fort Polk  
Chaplain Sebastian and Saemi Kim & family.....Fort Polk  
Greg and Ariann Gillen & family.....Fort Polk  
Jon and Rita Munson & family.....Fort Polk  
Joe and Erin Saladin & family.....Fort Polk

### GENERAL HEALTH & OTHER CONCERNS

Carol Anders (Robert’s sister).....Failing health; home health care  
Becky Barberousse.....Knee pain  
Doug Barberousse.....Slow heart rate; arrhythmia  
Gary Clowers.....Covid; pneumonia; recovery from heart surgery March 19  
Pam (Bruce’s sister).....Salvation  
Kendra Joseph.....Success of ITP treatments  
Greg Prudhomme.....Back and knee injury; scar tissue in right eye  
Joe Saladin.....Recovery from back surgery  
Ellis Smith.....Hip pain  
Mitch Thompson.....Back and mobility problems  
Janice Wright.....Multiple blood clots; unknown disease

### CANCER

Mollie Anderson.....Breast cancer in remission  
Kent Bergeron (RE at Three Rivers PCA).....Continued recovery  
Sam Crifasse (friend of Doug’s).....Bladder cancer in remission  
Stella Hodge (Bruce’s mother).....Salvation; breast cancer  
Rita Munson.....Ovarian Clear Cell Carcinoma (OCCC); immunotherapy success  
Marian Richardson.....Cancer; benign tumor in ear  
Marge Smith.....Lung cancer  
Anna Wiggins.....Lymphoma; MD Anderson

## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Text: Mark 4:1–20

### I. THE PARABLE

A. The Setting

B. The Sower

### II. THE USE OF PARABLES

A. For The Disciples

B. For The Others

## III. INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLE

A. The Road

B. The Rocks

C. The Thorns

D. The Good Soil

E. The Point