

# BROADMOOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP --from Psalm 23

Leader: With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.

People: **God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.**

Leader: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.

People: **For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.**

Leader: Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.

People: **We shall dwell in the house of the Lord all our life long.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength or purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our comforter and guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love...

## \*SILENT CONFESSION

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34) Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. (2 Corinthians 5:17) And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## FIRST LESSON

**Ephesians 5: 8-14**

<sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such

people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## SECOND LESSON

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me, You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## SERMON

“Fear No Evil”

The Rev. Barrett Ingram

## \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All church services and events have been cancelled until further notice.**

**Pledges and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering** taken on Sunday, March 29. Please mail your church pledge and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering to the church office at 9340 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70815.