

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 21, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Is. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn # 194.....**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 11:1-9

CONFESSION OF SIN

From the Dutch Psalter of Peter Dathenus (1566).....read responsively

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned.

We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death.

We are unclean before You and children of wrath.

We continually transgress Your commandments, failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden.

We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way.

We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins.

We confess, to our humiliation and to the praise of Your mercy, that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay.

We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live.

We know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite, and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities.

Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow.

Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your Name.

Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion.

We pray this 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:

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Lk. 19:10

Therefore I declare to you, that:

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Rom. 10:9

Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

* Psalter Selection.....**Psalm 2, page1 (tune to Hymn 51)**

* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Matthew 1:18-25

The Westminster Shorter Catechism.....read responsively

Q. 107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.*

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology.....page xvi

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn # 201.....**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Intercession

* Reading of the Word of God.....Luke 1:57-80

Sermon: "The 'Benedictus' "Dr. Jones

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

* Hymn # 203....."Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

* Benediction

* Congregational Threefold Amen

Luke 1:68-79 (NKJV)

⁶⁸ "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, ⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, ⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, ⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, ⁷² To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. ⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, ⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; ⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

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 December 21, 2025

 Reverend Dr. James A. Jones, Jr.
 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 cups all contain wine.

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

MEAL – Today we will have a Fellowship Meal following the morning service. Everyone is invited to stay.

NO BIBLE STUDY – There will be no Bible Study this week. We will resume on January 7, 2026.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M.
Fellowship & Coffee..... 10:30 A.M.
Corporate Worship..... 11:00 A.M.
The URL for YouTube is:.....<https://www.youtube.com/@revdrjones>

Pregnancy Care Center

420 McMahan 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

DeRidder PC..... 10 new families; evangelistic zeal
Knox Presbytery..... Vanguard Presbyterian Church
Persecuted Christians..... Islamic countries; China; North Korea; India

MISSIONARIES

Vanguard Presbyterian Church..... Endorsed Missions Organizations
Church Planting International (CPI)..... www.cpimission.org
(Myanmar, Uganda, India, Portugal, Russia)
Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship (REF)..... www.refglobal.org
(USA)
Westminster Biblical Missions (WBM)..... www.wbminc.org
(Europe, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan)
African Bible Colleges..... Students and teachers
Bill Carr (PCA Native American Ministry Regional Director)..... Fargo, ND
Pregnancy Care Center..... Financial needs; wisdom for board and volunteers

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

(Under Age 20)

Anne Lungrin (com member) Roger Patterson (non-com member)
Matthew Lungrin (com member) Kamden Waldrop (com member)
Theresa Lungrin (com member) Kenna Waldrop (com member)

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Steven Bowman..... Fort Polk
Shane Curran & family..... Fort Polk
Chaplain Steven and Sarah Lanolos & family (Navy)..... Lemoore, CA
Steven Lungrin..... LA National Guard; deployed
Alex Patterson & family..... Fort Polk
Cody Waldrop & family..... Fort Polk

GENERAL HEALTH & OTHER CONCERNS

Cheryl Dobson (Griffith’s friend)..... General health
Savannah Drummond & children..... Safety
Sue Frazier (Michael’s wife)..... Terminal illness
Scott Hadden (Ellis’ cousin)..... GPA disease
Kent Jacobs (Lessie’s cousin)..... Needs kidney transplant
Gail Lowe (Lorraine’s sister)..... Diabetes
Greg Prudhomme..... Back and knees
Margo Roll..... Age 94; heart problems; declining health
Phyllis Word..... Lyme disease; general health
Rebecca Word..... Broken hip; recovery from surgery

CANCER

Sandra Smith Irish (friend of Lessie’s)..... Breast cancer; desires no treatment
Dick Jones (pastor of Grace Covenant PC)..... Stomach cancer; recovery from surgery
Jane Roberts (Dewey Roberts’ wife)..... Lung cancer
Pamela Roper..... Kidney cancer; nodules in lungs not cancer
Marge Smith..... Lung cancer in remission
Abby Swygard (Jeremy’s wife; Kirk of the Way)..... Gall bladder & liver cancer
Christina Watson (Chris’ mother)..... Lung cancer
Janice Wright..... Cancer in remission

THE “BENEDICTUS”

Text: Luke 1:57–80

I. THE BIRTH OF THE FORERUNNER (vss. 57–66)

II. GOD HAS VISITED AND REDEEMED US (vss. 68–75)

III. GOD HAS PREPARED THE WAY (vss. 76–80)

IV. APPLICATION