

# *The Worship of God*

January 1, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child  
I Saw Three Ships

Paul Manz  
David Lasky

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Christopher Uehlein

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Reginald Jacques

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth! O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!  
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation – his praises we'll sing!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 170: "How Great Our Joy!" JUNGST  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

**People: But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.**

Minister: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name;

**People: For to us has come a Savior, Christ the new born king!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI REGENT SQUARE

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Light of light: our Star, our Sun.**

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Old German Tune, arr. R. L. Pearsall

In dulci jubilo let us our homage shew; our heart's joy reclineth in praesepio and like a bright star  
shineth, Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O, Alpha es et O.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 151: "The First Noel" THE FIRST NOEL

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY: I Wonder as I Wander

Fred Bock

\* THE DOXOLOGY AWAY IN A MANGER

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## PROCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 2:21-32

SERMON:

"Blessing for a New Beginning"

Dr. Wright

## THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "O Holy Child"

Michael Cox

Sing alleluia. O Holy Child, the Blessed One. Child of God, a little Son. The Seed of Hope 'til now  
unborn, as tiny blossom greets the morn. Sing alleluia. Who knows the fate of such a flow'r to be cut  
down in fullest hour? Rejoice today this blessed morn, for fragrant bud of hope just born. Sing  
alleluia.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal God, Source of all that is and all that shall be, creation resonates with celebration  
of your love. In this new year let justice and mercy flood the earth; let all creation harmonize  
in your imagination; and let us recognize that every thought and thing belongs to you.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us; in the hurts we absorb from each other and  
those we inflict on others, forgive us; in times of test and temptation, stand with us; from the  
grip of all that is evil, free us; for works of mercy empower us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

"This is my body which is broken for you."

"This is the new covenant of my blood."

*You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Forming two lines, use the center aisle  
as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain  
seated, a Deacon will serve you. This morning we will take the bread and the cup by intinction,  
dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by a  
Deacon and dip it into the chalice offered by one of the ministers. You may then place the bread in  
your mouth. Appropriate responses upon receiving the bread or the cup are "Thanks be to God."  
or "Amen."*

A COVENANT OF FAITH

**I give myself completely to you, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer  
for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside  
while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty.  
I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you. And now, holy God, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all  
eternity. Amen.**

from *John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service*

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 167: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* POSTLUDE: Toccata on *Regent Square*

Lanny Smith

\* Congregation stands.

*The white poinsettias on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Webster Henry and in honor of Nancy Henry by the Henry Family.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Bo Browder  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Clyde Patterson  
*Guest Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Georgia Morris  
*Crucifer*

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://lakesidechurchrmt.org)

*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.*

*Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.*

*Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Worship bags are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship.

## BIBLES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE

Bibles and several large print hymnals are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary.

## WIRELESS HEARING AIDS

Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

## BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

## WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST

We welcome back **Clyde Patterson** as our guest organist today. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and was Organist and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 32 years. He and his wife, Dorothy (who is also an organist and piano teacher) have two children and three grandchildren. Since retiring in 2002 he has substituted at the organ for various churches in the area. He currently serves part-time as organist at Nashville Baptist Church.

*The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the Christmas season is white, symbolic of purity and light. The Celtic Cross with its circle reminds us of the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God.. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world. In the same way, we begin and end our worship following the cross as a symbol of God's self-giving love for us all.*

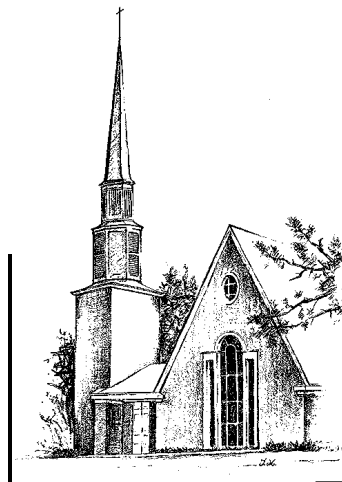
Regular Sunday evening activities for children and youth will resume on January 8.

## WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. Members of Lakeside are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshipping and serving community where the gospel of Jesus Christ is modeled and proclaimed.

Our church is Baptist by tradition and heritage, but in our worship and practice we seek to move beyond the label of a denomination to incorporate the richness of other Christian traditions. In our community service we support many ecumenical ministries that convey God's love beyond the lines of any denomination.

We receive members by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches. We honor the previous baptism of persons coming to Lakeside from other Christian denominations. If you are interested in knowing more about our church and its ministries, please fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.



# Christmas at Lakeside

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