

The Worship of God

January 3, 2016

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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

ORGAN PRELUDE: Noël and Variations: *Joseph est bien marié* Claude Balbastre

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Of The Father's Love Begotten arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT J.S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light and usher in the morning; ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 172: "We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.

People: The Word became flesh.

Minister: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

People: The Word became flesh and brought us new life.

Minister: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

People: The Word became flesh and brought light to our darkness.

Minister: We have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and full of truth!

All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!

* THE GLORIA PATRI GLORIA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION John Frances Wade/David Willcocks

O Come, let us adore him.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 163: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Carol Barker

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Noël and Variations: *Tous les Bourgeois de Châtres* Claude Balbastre

* THE DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES

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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Who At My Door Is Standing?" arr. K. Lee Scott

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Within the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin; how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in. Yet the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten, he shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!" Lord God I hear thee calling, come now abide with me.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: "Calculating Jesus" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "The Work of Christmas" Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart. Howard Thurman, from *The Mood of Christmas*

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ, we confess, O God, that had we been around that first Christmas, we might have missed it. Our daily activities of home and work, the bustle of the marketplace, and the call of friends to play might have caused us to ignore the setting of the sun and to miss the odd star that had no business being where it was. Forgive us our inattention to you and to one another. Open our eyes to the wonders around us and our hearts to the persons beside us, for they may be messengers of Christmas joy.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 176: “Sing of God Made Manifest” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Giga Norman Dello Joio
- * 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Spencer Edwards <i>Acolyte</i>	Phil Valera <i>Guest Organist</i>	Charlie Lane <i>Crucifer</i>

*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.*

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 season of Epiphany is white, reminder of the light that guided the magi and of our own charge to be light to the world. The Celtic Cross with its circle symbolizes 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.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST

Phil Valera is the Assistant Professor for Audio Recording Technology at Barton College’s Department of Communication and Performing Arts. He served as the Music Director/Organist at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church in Wilson from 2001 to 2011. Prior to coming to Wilson in 2000, he served as an organist/choirmaster in Lakeland, Florida and Sarasota, Florida. A Massachusetts native, he received his music degrees from Boston University. He lives in Wilson with his wife Debbie.

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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

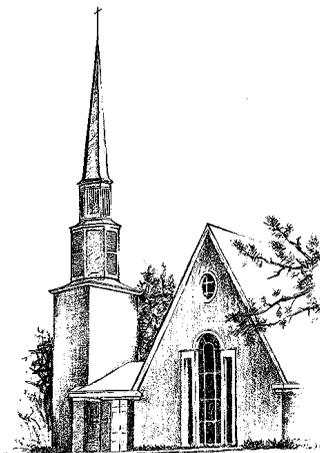
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

WE WELCOME OUR 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.



*Epiphany
at
Lakeside*

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