

The Worship of God

January 5, 2014

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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: La Crèche

Alexandre Guilmant

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Timothy Albrecht

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Hymn 365*)

B.F. White/James H. Wood

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

THE BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: We have gathered at this water to witness and celebrate the baptism of this new believer. What will you say to him?

People: We celebrate your newly professed faith and rejoice in the salvation that is now yours. We happily welcome you into this family of faith and into the larger Christian community which extends across our world and throughout the ages.

Minister: Let us now pronounce the baptismal blessing:

All: May these baptismal waters become a strong reminder of God's grace and forgiveness for you. May your faith remain strong, agile, and ever growing. As you rise from these waters, may you walk forward into new life secured by the blessing of the Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Jeffrey Arthur Stephens

THE PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 365: "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

BEACH SPRING

* LITANY OF WELCOME AFTER BAPTISM (Hymnal 369)

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Joan Collier Fogg

Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

(*Ushers will seat those waiting.*)

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 173: "As With Gladness"

DIX

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Noel Ètranger

Louis Daquin

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Heavenly Light"

A. Kopylow/arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1:1-18

SERMON:

"God's Children"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE 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.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have sometimes seen the table filled with your bounty and then hungered after other food. We have often feasted on your abundance but failed to make room at the table for others. We have at times forgotten that we are your guests and begun to expect that whatever we receive is due us. Forgive us, we pray, and refresh our sense of gratitude and generosity. Nourish us with the food that will fit us for life eternal, now and in the day to come; through Jesus the Christ.

John Killinger, adapted

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 420: "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Chant du Roi René Alexandre Guilmant
- * Congregation stands.

The white poinsettias on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of The Reverend Dr. Gaylord L. Lehman, Pastor of Lakeside Church from 1966-1998.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Chase Joyner <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Beth Seagroves <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.

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

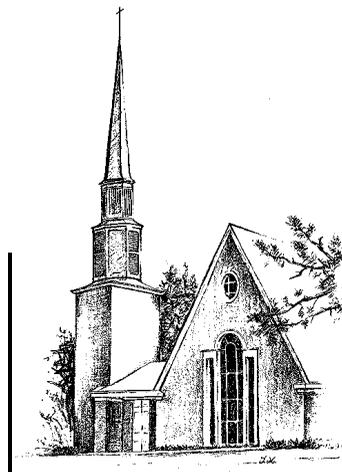
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

WE WELCOME OUR 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.



Worship at Lakeside

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