

The Worship of God

January 6, 2019

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: Voluntary in G

William Walond

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 172:

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Break forth into singing for God has visited and comforted his people.

People: We rejoice because the Spirit of Christ reigns among us.

Minister: Our hearts rejoice because the sins and sorrows of this world crumble under the wonder of God's love.

People: Our souls rejoice because the One who created all things welcomes us as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

Minister: We rejoice because the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

People: With heart and soul and voice, we rejoice that the Word is Light and Life to all, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Thanks be to God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

David Haas

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. *Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.* I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 158:

“Her Baby, Newly Breathing”

Merle's Tune

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: As With Gladness

arr. Malcolm Archer

* THE DOXOLOGY

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: “Star in the East”

The American Vocalist 1849/ed. Brad Holmes

Hail thou blest morn, when the great mediator, down from the regions of glory descends. Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger, Lo for his guard the bright angels attend. *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.* Cold on his cradle the dew drops are shining, low lies his head, with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber reclining, maker and monarch and savior of all. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings divine. Gems from the mountain and pearls from the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine.

Reginald Heber, 1811

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON:

“Faith Seeking Understanding”

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: “The Call”

Alexander Brent Smith/arr. Erik Routley

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light, as shows a feast: Such a feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We pause to look over the past year, a year in which you were with us, but we were not always with you. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us into the new year in holiness and righteousness. Help us to be a people pleasing unto you, people who allow your light to shine in the darkness and who bring praise and glory to your name.

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 173:

“As with Gladness”

DIX

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Symphony No. 5 in D, Movement 1

William Boyce

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Allison Kelli Willcox and Eric Reid Tolston.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Elizabeth Paszek
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Phil Valera
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Michael Waters
Crucifer

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Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.
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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

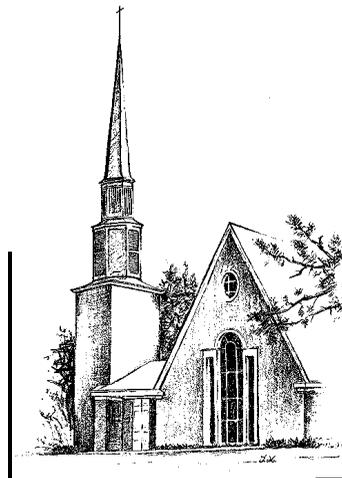
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. RainBowls will be available at each of the exits to receive your offerings as we leave worship.

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 worshiping 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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