

# The Worship of God

January 10, 2016

BAPTISM OF CHRIST 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: Toccata

Johann Kruger

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Improvisation on *Winchester New*

Mark Pichowicz

SOLO INTROIT

John D. Horman

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave. Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form. The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my voice." We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace. But now beside this water again a voice is heard. "You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord." Carson Browder, soloist *Sylvia Dunstan*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to his name.

**People: To declare his steadfast love in the morning and his faithfulness by night.**

Minister: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Robert Jackson

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will to do and to endure. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We know in our hearts that we deny the fullness of life which you offer us in every waking moment. We know that we become tired and numb and that participation in evil often seems easier than resistance. Forgive our willful ways and the selfish wanderings of our hearts. Open our eyes to the needs of our sisters and brothers and of ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 701: "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Deep River

Adolphus Hailstork

\* 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!**

*This morning we give thanks for our Missions Committee which leads our church to be the hands of Christ in the community and beyond. The Acolyte places a pair of work gloves on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Come to the Water"

John Foley, S.J./arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: without labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-22

SERMON: "Taking the Plunge" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION 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 365: "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" BEACH SPRING  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

\* Congregation stands.

*The poinsettia on the altar is given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Webster Henry and in honor of Nancy Henry by the Henry Family.*

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of David Warren "Wren" Green, Jr.  
on January 5. Wren is the son of Amy and David Green and brother to Lindley.*

#### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Spencer Edwards  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Pichowicz  
*Interim Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Carson Browder  
*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.*

*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

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building following worship.

#### TODAY AT LAKESIDE

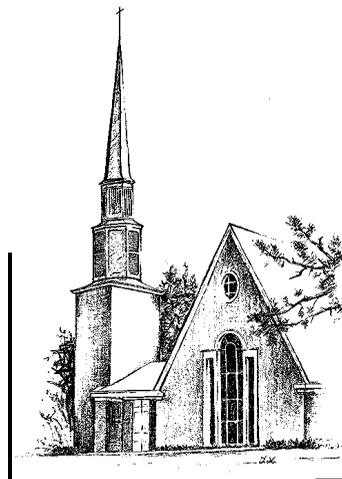
5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, Youth Choir  
5:00 p.m. . . . Neighborhood Ministry Committee, Conference Room  
5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children  
6:00 p.m. . . . Dinner for Youth  
6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Music and Activities/ Children's Choir  
6:30 p.m. . . . Meeting for Youth and Parents, Lecture Room

#### 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.



# Epiphany at Lakeside

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