

The Worship of God

January 11, 2015

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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: Fugue in E^b J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Felix Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT Mary Louise Bringle

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes. The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes. Shalom.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Friends in Christ, we have come together to remind ourselves that we are God's people.
People: We have brought with us our hopes and fears, our joy and anger, our delight and our pain.

Minister: Let us reach out from the heart to embrace God's Peace, to receive the Good News we so earnestly seek.

People: We offer who we are to God, to one another, and to the world that waits in expectant hope. Seekers Church 2002, adapted

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of Savannah Grace Wright,
born on June 17, 2014, to Lenka and Robert Wright.*

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your child before God, in solemn dedication?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your child in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer, and to provide guidance in the development of a Christlike character?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, so to shape your home life, by your words and by your example, that your child will naturally come to an open confession of Christ as Lord and enter into the fellowship and service of the church?

Parents: We do.

Minister: As a congregation, what pledge do you make to these parents?

People: We rejoice in this new life that has come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your child in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your child's growing faith through worship, teaching, and service.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, our heavenly Parent, we have received our children in trust from you. Acting as stewards of this holy trust, help us to love our children unselfishly, and to guide them into righteous living. We pledge our lives to the fulfillment of this holy calling, and pray for your divine help through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILD

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 330: "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" W ZLOBIE LEZY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Tuba Tune in D C.S. Lang

* 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 community and the opportunities it offers for ministry.

The Acolyte brings forward the logo of the City of Rocky Mount and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come" Richard W. Gieseke

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends? From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need. In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind. Fred Pratt Green

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 22:1-2

SERMON: "Leading Causes of Life . . . of the City" Dr. Gary Gunderson

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration" Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that he came that we might have fullness of life. He came, not for one time, but for all time, and dwells among us now as Savior, Guide, and Friend. In his ministry, he demonstrated the Father's love for us, and taught us how we might love one another. By his suffering, God identified with our suffering, and experienced firsthand the anguishing results of sin. Through his resurrection, Christ proclaimed the eternal power of life over death and salvation over sin, thereby securing our hope. We believe that through commitment, obedience, and service to others, we respond to God's astonishing love, and proclaim Christ's good news until he comes again. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE Mary Louise Bringle
Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes. Shalom.

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birth of Nora Bridget O'Neal, daughter of
Nicole and Will O'Neal, on December 28, 2014, by her grandparents, Laura and Louis O'Neal.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Henry Williams <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Katy Jaber <i>Crucifer</i>

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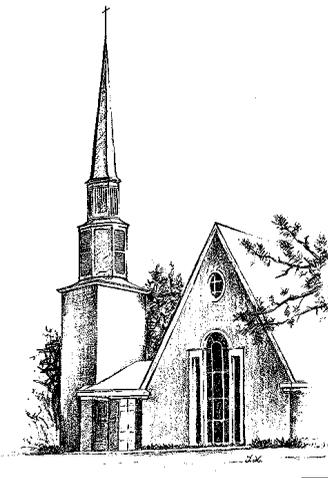
*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.
Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

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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