

# The Worship of God

January 13, 2013

BAPTISM OF THE LORD 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: Toccata and Fugue in d

Johann Ernst Eberlin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Improvisation on *Down Ampney*

Mark Gansor

CHORAL INTROIT: "Day by Day"

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

St. Richard of Chichester

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280:

"God Is Here!"

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Joy and gladness are surely ours when we come here to the house of the Lord.

**People: We come, bound together by the love of God.**

Minister: We come, filled with gratitude for the very goodness of life.

**People: We come, united in our desire to worship and praise God, the source of our joy, and the focus of our faith.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" (*Hymn 44*)

M. Ippolitof-Ivanoff

Minister: All works of God: bless the Living God; praise and magnify God forever.

*Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O God.*

Minister: Servants of God: bless the Living God; praise and magnify God forever.

*Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.*

Minister: Holy and humble of heart: bless the Living God; praise and magnify God forever.

*Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.*

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**It is easy, O God, for us to give up the struggle to be the best persons we can be. We become tired of the effort to resist the evil around and within us. Forgive us when we have allowed our desires to blind us, our pains to embitter us, and our trials to discourage us. From these and all our unhealthy ways and doings, O God deliver us, and let us know your pardon and peace.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 8:14-17

ANTHEM: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Paul T. Langston

*The text of the anthem is hymn 464.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 582:

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN AMPNEY

*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Petite Promenade

Dale Wood

\* 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!**

*We give thanks for our Board of Finance which guides our use of resources for our ministries.  
A young person brings forward a copy of our Missions and Ministry Budget and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "As I Went Down to the River to Pray"

American Traditional Melody

*As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-38

SERMON:

"So, You Think You Don't Matter?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal. We believe that our only and proper response to such love is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given to each of us:**

**We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unflinching loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;**

**We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;**

**We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the "hands of God."**

**We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another's needs.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 450: "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

HYFRYDOL

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

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata

Théodore Dubois

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Carolyn Meyer Overton by Ann Winstead, Sue Daughety and families.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Carson Browder  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Trevor Graham  
*Crucifer*

*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. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ. 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 CHURCH**

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Craig and Tavener 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.

**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.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

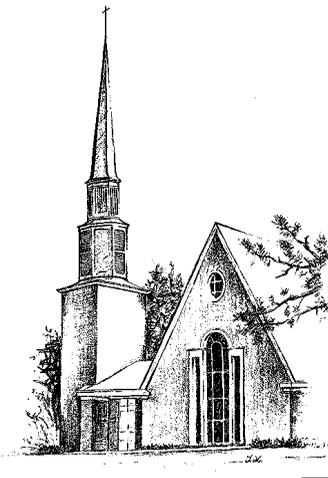
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. . . . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. . . . . Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. . . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. . . . . SNL
- 7:00 p.m. . . . . Preschoolers and Children Dismiss
- 7:30 p.m. . . . . Youth Dismiss

**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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