

The Worship of God

January 14, 2018

THE SECOND 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: Prelude on *Greensleeves*

Richard Purvis

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Cradle Song

Henry G. Ley

CHORAL INTROIT

William Giles

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

HYMN TO JOY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Genie Raper

Minister: When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,

People: When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,

All: The work of Christmas begins:

Minister: To find the lost; to heal the broken;

People: To feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;

Minister: To rebuild the nations;

People: To bring peace among the people;

All: To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we admit that we are often like a winter's day, providing enough light to find our way, but offering neither sufficient radiance to distinguish the shadows of our lives nor sufficient heat to provide real warmth. Our good intentions often grow cold and our best aspirations quickly dissipate. Open our hearts to receive your Spirit so that our lives might shine all the brighter. Open our minds to the possibilities of your love so that our choices are all the better. And open our hands to the needs around us so that our compassion generates warmth for all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 3:1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "O Thou the Central Orb"

Charles Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 594: "Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind" REST
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

* 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 the Bereavement Committee which ministers to grieving families through a meal and hospitality. The Acolyte brings forward a casserole dish and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Prayer for Today"

Margaret Tucker/arr. Michael Kemp

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere who live in comfort, love, and peace and pray sincerely for strife to cease; but who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all. God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere to come closer together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.

Mary M. Coulson

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51

SERMON: "Why We Need Each Other"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Creator,

whose goodness seams through all creation with irrepressible beauty and truth,

whose patience and generosity exceed all human expectation,

and whose glory neither earth nor the heavens can contain.

We believe in Christ Jesus, the true Child of God,

who came with a disruption that shook the powers of evil, though it cost him his life;

who from beyond death comes again to gather his disciples into a community of the free;

who refused to be intimidated by threats, or waylaid by any religion which had no grace.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the source and sustainer of abundant life,

who from the very beginning flows from God,

enhancing the gifts of church in the service of humanity.

We believe in the church as the universal body of Christ,

in the forgiven people as the sharers of Christ's peace,

in the timeless, mystic fellowship of all God's people,

and in the life that transcends all sorrow and death. Amen.

Bruce Prewer

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 330: “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story” W ZLOBIE LEZY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Whence Is that Goodly Fragrance? Harrison Oxley
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Joanna Wade McDevitt by her family.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Catherine Cobb <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Michael Waters <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.*

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 after the Epiphany is green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. 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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

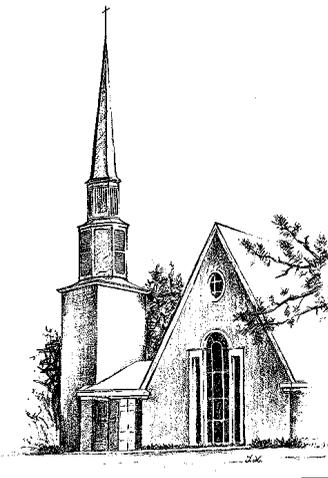
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities, SNL for Youth
- 6:45 p.m. Meeting for Youth Parents and Youth Committee, Youth 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.



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A leader in the theological study of the art of preaching, Dr. Powery’s interests are located at the intersection of preaching, worship, pneumatology, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. He is a graduate of Stanford University (B.A. in music with a concentration in vocal performance), Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto (Th.D.). In 2014, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College for his ethical and spiritual leadership in the academy, church, and society. He and his wife Gail have two children.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, January 28, 2018

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Lakeside Sanctuary
Dr. Powery, preaching: “What Should We Do?”

7:00 p.m. - Lakeside Sanctuary

Presentation and Dialogue
“The Outer Life and the Inward Sanctuary”
Reception following

Monday, January 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. - Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building
Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Powery
“Spiritual Wisdom for Living in the World”

All events will be held at:
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