

The Worship of God

January 15, 2012

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. 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: Larghetto G.F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT 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.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Friends, let us be reminded today that it is not we who chose Christ,

People: But Christ who chose us,

Minister: That we are not here because of our goodness,

People: But because of Christ's grace,

Minister: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: But to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Minister: That we have not come to be entertained,

People: But to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION arr. Warren Martin

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my Guide.

THE INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

THE LITANY OF CHARGE AND PROMISE FROM THE CONGREGATION Dr. Wright

Minister: These are the persons whom you have asked to be your servants. What do you wish to say to them?

People: We hold you and your office in this church in the highest esteem. We did not take lightly our choice of you. We do not take lightly our desire to have you lead us with courage, conviction, and compassion.

Diaconate: We are honored and humbled by this display of your confidence in our capacity to be servants of this people. We pledge to you that we will be responsible bearers of this trust.

People: We charge you to give unselfishly to the well being of our church. Be interpreters of our ministry to one another, to this community, and to the world. Be prophets calling us back to the hard truths we sometimes would rather forget. Be pastoral to us in our sickness and sorrow. Be friends to us in our time of stress and indecision.

Diaconate: By the grace of God and with your understanding, we will do our best.

Minister: Fellow members of this congregation, you have heard these answers from persons whom you have elected, by your own vote, to this office. If you have voted with Christian intention, you are now able to say to these Deacons:

People: We promise to honor and encourage you as together we seek to serve God's Kingdom, according to the Holy Scriptures, and the Bylaws of this church. To this end, we also promise to pray with you and for you.

THE CHORAL BLESSING: "Take My Life" arr. Warren Martin

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my lips, and let them be fill'd with messages from thee, take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

THE PRAYER

MEDITATION

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

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 602: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Sketch No. 4 in D^b Robert Schumann

* 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!**

PROCLAMATION

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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51

SERMON: "Don't Monkey Around" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm that love is the doctrine of this church, the quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve human need, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine. Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.
Covenant Church, Houston, Texas

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 606: “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” NETTLETON
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: March in A Alexandre Guilmant
- * Congregation stands.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i> Connor Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i> Ashley 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 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.

COMMUNICATIONS BOOK

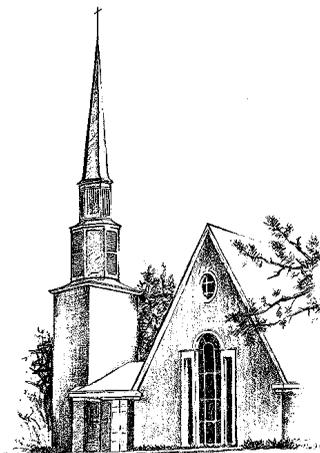
A Communications Book is located in the narthex. You may use this book to record your visit with our congregation, to leave a note for the ministers or office staff, or to sign up for a trip or activity.

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.



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