

The Worship of God

January 15, 2017

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: Prelude on *Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance* Harrison Oxley

CHORAL INTROIT John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 450: "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" HYFRYDOL
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People: May we not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Minister: By the grace of God do not think more highly of yourselves than you ought, but think with sober judgment.

People: For as in one body we have many members, and not all with the same calling; so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Minister: We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

People: Therefore, let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection, even as God in Christ has loved us.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "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

(*Ushers will seat those waiting.*)

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

(see insert)

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 5:32-37

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 609: "Take My Life" HENDON
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 our Deacons who provide spiritual leadership to our congregation.
The Acolyte places a towel on the altar, reminding us of a Deacon's servant role.*

PROCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: "No Wise Guys Needed" Dr. Wright

ANTHEM: "The Work of Christmas" Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

Howard Thurman, from *The Mood of Christmas*

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 461: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" 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: Noel Suisse Louis Daquin

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichiwicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Edwards
Crucifer

Lakeside website: 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 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.

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

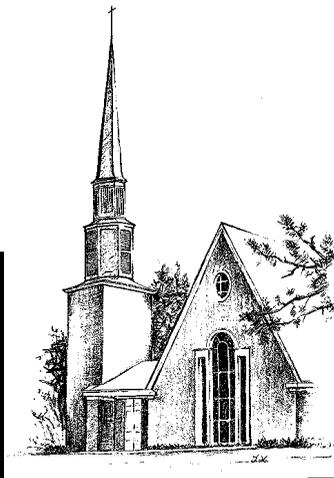
5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, Youth Choir
5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner, Robbins Hall
6:00 p.m. . . . New Deacon Orientation, Conference Room
6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Games and Activities/ Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. . . . SNL
7:00 p.m. . . . Deacon Banquet and Meeting, Robbins Hall

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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