

The Worship of God

January 21, 2018

THE THIRD 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: Andante con moto S. Bath

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Tranquillo W. Henry Maxfield

CHORAL INTROIT Shaker Hymn/arr. Mealy

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

* 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: O God, because you are the source of all life and love and being,

People: We call you Creator;

Minister: Because we know the history of your presence among your covenanted people and honor their tradition,

People: We call you Lord;

Minister: Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, your obedient child, knew you intimately and spoke of you so,

People: We call you Father;

Minister: Because you are present in the act of birth and because you shelter, nurture, and care for us,

People: We call you Mother;

Minister: Because you hold us up and give us strength and courage when we are weak and in need,

People: We call you Sustainer;

Minister: Because we have known you in our pain and suffering,

People: We call you Comforter;

Minister: Because beyond pain lies your promise of all things made new,

People: We call you Hope;

Minister: Because you are the means of liberation and the way to freedom,

People: We call you Redeemer.

All: Blessing and power, glory and honor be unto you, our God. Amen.

Second National Meeting of United Church of Christ Women, alt.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Charles F. Manning

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty; call upon him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

(see insert)

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 452: "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM LORD

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Jerry Baker

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

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: Mark 1:14-20

SERMON: "It Is Good News!" 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 431: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS
(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 Charles Darnton

* 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
Maggie Paszek
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
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 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

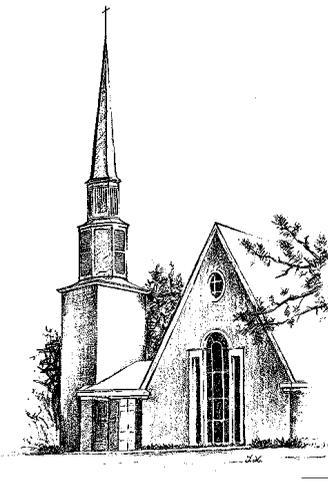
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
- 6:00 p.m. New Deacon Orientation, Conference Room
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, SNL for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. 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*

Lakeside Baptist Church
1501 Sunset Avenue
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

The Homily Dr. Wright
The Examination of the Ordinands Dan Herring
Lesley Browder and Jo Ann Lamm

Deacon: (to the Congregation) Lesley Browder and Jo Ann Lamm have been elected, in due and proper manner, to the office of Deacon. Having been asked by your own vote to serve, they have expressed their willingness to work in this capacity. We do, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, now proceed in their ordination.

Deacon: (to the Ordinands) Forasmuch as you have shown your willingness to assume the responsibilities of this office, and because the office is of such high importance to the life of our church, I must put you to the test of certain basic questions.

Deacon: Do you believe in God the Father who redeems us through Jesus Christ his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit, and do you confess anew the Lord Christ as your Savior and as the head of the Church which is his body?

Ordinands: I do so believe and confess.

Deacon: Do you accept the office of Deacon in this congregation, and promise faithfully, and according to your ability, to perform the duties thereof?

Ordinands: I do so accept and promise.

Deacon: Do you promise, by word and by example, to promote the peace, the unity, and the work of the Church and this church?

*Ordinands: I do so promise.
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2018 DIACONATE

2018
Grady Davis
Will Lucas
Sheila Martin
Theo Pitt
Rebecca Watkins

2019
Jerry Baker
Andy Barker
Nancy Berry
Jerry Carter
Chick Conley

2020
John Derbyshire
Lesley Browder
Jo Ann Lamm
Robert Sykes
Sheila Whitley

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 Laying on of Hands

In keeping with the earliest tradition in the church of offering blessing upon those it calls to serve, anyone who wishes to participate in the laying on of hands is invited to do so. Please come forward along the side aisle on the south side of the sanctuary and follow the Deacons.

The Choral Blessing: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

The Unison Blessing

"Prayer of St. Augustine"

(Chalice Hymnal 31)

Eternal God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you. Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.

