

The Worship of God

January 22, 2012

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. 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: Pastorale

César Franck

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante in C

Georg Phillip Telemann

CHORAL INTROIT

Alexander Brent Smith/arr. Erik Routley

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light, as shows a feast: Such a feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 494: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” ST. BRENDAN’S
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come, people of God. Gather in this place to give all praise to God.

People: From north and south, from east and west, our Lord tenderly gathers us in.

Minister: Come, people of God. There is a place for you.

People: For even a sparrow finds a home and the swallow a place to lay her young in the sanctuary of our God.

Minister: Come, people of God. All sin is forgiven here. Hope is restored. New life is given.

People: For in the Risen Christ, the Lord our God makes a way for us.

Minister: So come, you redeemed of the Lord. Let us worship God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Shaker Hymn/arr. Donald Moore

‘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.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for past faults and help us in the present and future to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us. Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel sensitively and lovingly. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I John 1:1-4

ANTHEM: “Come to the Water”

John Foley, S.J./arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: without labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 284: “Gather Us In” GATHER US IN

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Sketch No. 3 in f

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: “Gather Your Children” Allan Mahnke

Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace, and draw us to you with your passionate pleas; still seek us and call us to come and be blessed to find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest. Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord, we cluster around you, and grow by your Word, one day to remember these moments so rare, of caring and closeness, just because you are there. Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, compassion our nature, your vision our dream; who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, what joy can be tasted, or what promise come true? Host at our table in our house and yours, here bind us together with love that endures; like parents, like children, let this be our fame, that, blest, we bless many, to the praise of your name.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:14-20

SERMON: “Catch Me If You Can” Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit, who calls us to abandon our pride, and to embrace people in every condition.

We believe that when we see persons who are hungry, we must feed them. Those who are thirsty, we must give to drink. The homeless we must house. The naked we must clothe. The sick, the imprisoned, the stranger – whatever the need we must address it.

We believe that whatever we do for one of God’s children, we are doing for God. If we should turn our backs, or harden our hearts, to the cries of any of God’s children, we have then rejected the very God who has redeemed us. But if we minister in his name, we shall receive eternal life, prepared for those who honor God with their deeds, as well as their words.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 487: "Help Us Accept Each Other" AURELIA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude in D

Berthold Tours

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Steven R. Daughety by Sue Overton Daughety,
Brandy and Bobby Adkins, Ross Daughety, Madison and Annabelle.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madison Costa
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Ben Brantley
Crucifer

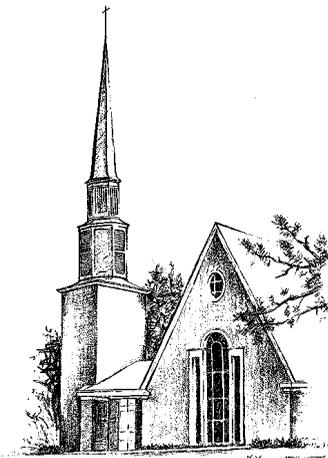
*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.
Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

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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