

The Worship of God

January 22, 2017

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 guests and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Durezza und Fuge

Johann Krieger

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Adagio

W. Henry Maxfield

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life.

People: May our joy be complete!

Minister: This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

People: May our joy be complete!

Minister: We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

People: May our joy be complete!

Minister: God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the grace of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

People: May our joy be complete!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness.

Thom M. Shuman

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 4:12-23

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Heather Sorenson

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. You shine in the night. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, my treasure thou art. Blessed Redeemer, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, still be my light, and you will still be my vision, shine in the night. Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all. Be thou my Light when I walk through the night.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 722: "This Is My Song" FINLANDIA
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 Flower Committee which provides beauty from nature to enhance our worship week by week.. The Acolyte brings forward a flower 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 EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 1:10-18

SERMON: "A Safe and Dangerous Place"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Young and old, sons and daughters of God, we who are the diverse creations of God's imagination and love join in praise and thanksgiving as we worship the One who brings us together. We come to this place, bringing our varied stories, our unique gifts, and our distinct calls to serve. We come together in partnership and mission, knowing that we are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to serve others, to seek justice, to offer the hope of the Resurrected Christ. We are called to be the body of Christ—a community of believers, a household of faith, a communion of saints, the people of the covenant. We are called to the one hope of our high calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. As members of the body of Christ, we covenant together to build on the sure foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord and to seek the vision of Christ's hope for the world.

Sharlande Sledge

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 491: “As Grain on Scattered Hillsides” MERLE’S TUNE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude (quasi Minuetto) Charles Darnton
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Anne Chappell by a friend.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Ramsey Ward <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichiwicz <i>Organist</i>	Barkley Browder <i>Crucifer</i>

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 Greyson Tillman 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

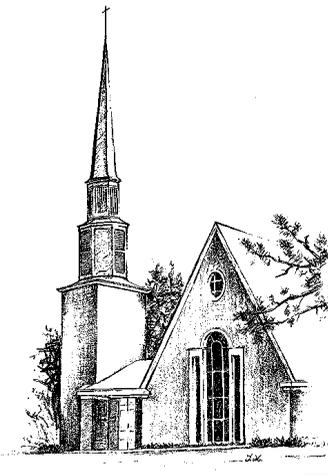
- 5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities, Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Games and Activities/ Children’s Choir
- 6:30 p.m. . . . SNL

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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