

The Worship of God

January 29, 2012

THE FOURTH 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
Hymn to Joy

Gerald Custer
Albert L. Travis

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prayer

Larry Visser

CHORAL INTROIT

Alexander Brent Smith/arr. Erik Routley

Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Welcome to this sanctuary,

People: Where we are caught in the web of grace, spun in a dance of joy.

Minister: Welcome into this house of blessing,

People: Where children's laughter chases away dark clouds and quiet prayers lead us to still waters and green pastures.

Minister: Welcome to this holy space,

People: Where we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and lifted up as children of the Most High,

Minister: Come, let us rejoice and be glad together as we worship the Lord our God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

William Walsham How

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord,
from thee. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are – yearning to be close to you, yet fearful of what you may ask; desiring to be faithful, yet hesitant to go the extra mile; wanting to be loving, yet resistant to caring in some situations. Free our hearts and our minds to receive your grace and enjoy our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

II Corinthians 9:6-15

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

ANTHEM: "Glorious Is the Lord Almighty"

Joseph Haydn/arr. Elwood Coggin

Glorious is the Lord Almighty, praise him all ye people, praise and honor his name. We magnify thee, we glorify thee, Lord. We praise thee, give thanks to thee, adore thee, glorify thee. Hear thou our prayer in thy tender mercies as we thank thee for all thy gracious goodness. We do thank thee for thy kindness and we praise thee for thy greatness. Glorious is thy name, Almighty Lord. Glory and honor be to thee forever and ever.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 514: "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty" GENEVA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

* 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: "Amazing Grace" arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:5-9

SERMON: "Let's Think About This Thing" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we embrace fully the promise of God, not as a mere pledge to be fulfilled, but as a distinct change from the past for the present. God's promise to us is light, not darkness; order, not chaos; peace, not war; righteousness, not sin; salvation, not estrangement; hope, not despair.

As people of faith, we enter joyfully into covenant with God, that his promise might be realized in us. Therefore, we are now united with God, and our covenant is bound by Jesus the Christ, whose example we emulate and whose path we follow. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on Slane Larry Visser

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Eddie Evans (January 30, 1962 - February 3, 2004) by his parents, Billie and Don Stallings.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Eli Bass
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
LeighAn Bulluck
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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, January 29

5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities

5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children

6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. . . . Adult Study Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 1

7:15 a.m. . . . Morning Prayer, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. . . . Adult Study Group, Conference Room

6:30 p.m. . . . Adult Handbell Rehearsal

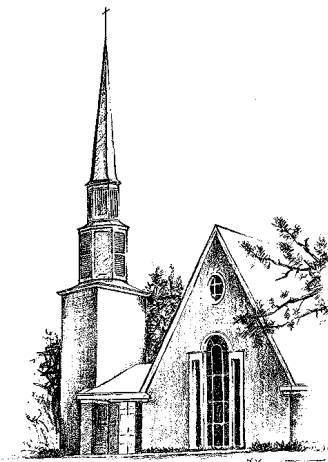
7:30 p.m. . . . Adult Choir Rehearsal

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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