

# *The Worship of God*

January 29, 2017

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 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: Arioso

J.S. Bach /arr. Virgil Fox

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Abendlied

W. H. Burt

CHORAL INTROIT

Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify. Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 5:1-12

Minister: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**People: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Minister: Blessed are those who mourn,

**People: For they will be comforted.**

Minister: Blessed are the meek,

**People: For they will inherit the earth.**

Minister: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**People: For they will be filled.**

Minister: Blessed are the merciful,

**People: For they will receive mercy.**

Minister: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People: For they will see God.**

Minister: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: For they will be called children of God.**

Minister: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**People: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Minister: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**People: Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

Minister: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 1:18-31

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "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 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 5: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

\* 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 office volunteers who help publish The Link and assist with a variety of church projects. The Acolyte brings forward a copy of our newsletter and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

SERMON: "A Gospel Riff" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in the truly human and divine Jesus, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust God who calls us to be the Church, to celebrate life in its fullness, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Let us praise and honor him, and rejoice to be his people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECEPTIONAL HYMN 651: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" HOLY MANNA  
*(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 in E<sup>b</sup> W. Henry Maxfield

\* 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Dalton Jordan <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Andersen Cobb <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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.*

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

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

5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner, Robbins Hall

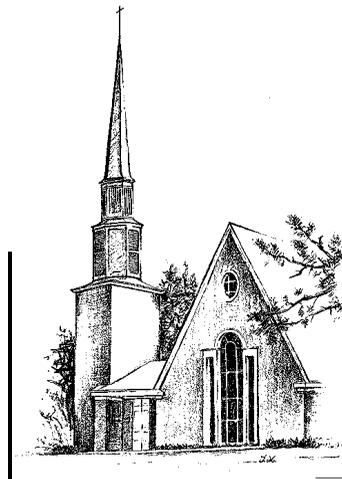
6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Games and Activities/ Children's Choir

**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 worshiping 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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