

# The Worship of God

January 31, 2016

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: Chorale and Fugue Healey Willan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PIANO MEDITATION: Minuete in G J.S. Bach  
Bo Browder, pianist

CHORAL INTROIT Joachim Neander

Gracious God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be. To my heart O enter thou, let it be thy temple now.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 272: "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather from the north, the direction of great power and wind and surprises.

**People: Give us courage to face the wind and the surprises of living.**

Minister: We gather from the west, the direction of the setting sun, of letting go, and of dying.

**People: Give us wisdom to honor the silence and darkness within us and the whole universe.**

Minister: We gather from the south, the direction of our intuition and imagination.

**People: Give us wonder and awe, awareness and appreciation.**

Minister: We gather from the east, the direction in which the sun rises, day begins, and hope emerges.

**People: Give us resurrection to a new way of life that includes all of God's people!**

\* 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.  
*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. You have created us and forever hold us in your love; yet, we listen to other voices that call for our allegiance and follow after novelties that promise only temporary satisfaction. Too often we keep our faith hidden and our voices quiet.**

**Fill us with joy in believing and with confidence in living so that we might bear the light of your salvation. Let nothing keep us from walking humbly with our God or from reflecting the Spirit of Christ, in whose name we pray.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Holy Lord"

Benjamin Harlan

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, who shed his precious blood that we might be redeemed. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come forevermore shall be! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell there-in, rejoice in all the earth, ye saints below, let earth and heaven sing, let all creation sing! Sing praises to our King! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their all. Holy to the Lord. Sing Holy to the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 575: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER Carol Lucas

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Flute Solo Thomas Arne

\* 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 sister churches who are our partners in ministry in this community. The Acolyte brings forward a salt shaker, reminding us we are the "salt of the earth," and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "I Will Lift Mine Eyes to the Hills" David N. Childs

I will lift mine eyes to the hills, whence cometh my help? My help comes from God, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord God watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from harm; your Maker will watch over you; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more.

*Psalms 121, paraphrased*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-30

SERMON: "All Eyes Are on You" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God who created life and claimed it for good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Child of God who shared our life and redeemed it for us. We believe in the Holy Spirit who dwells among us and invites us daily to be co-creators and redeemers of the world God has given to us. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 108: "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Tuba Tune in D Craig Sellar Lang

\* 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*  
Elizabeth Paszek  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Pichowicz  
*Interim Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Foster McAdams  
*Crucifer*

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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.*

*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 Storytime, Children's Missions Activities  
5:00 p.m. . . . Neighborhood Ministry Committee, Conference Room  
5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children  
6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Music 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 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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