

The Worship of God

February 2, 2014

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: Cantabile

César Franck

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Improvisation

Jean Langlais

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!

Micah 6:8

* 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: The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by the grace of God all things are made possible. Come, let us give thanks.

People: We give thanks to you, O God, for one more day to experience the miracle of creation.

Minister: With every breath we remember that life is a gift, and we give thanks.

People: With every step we know the wonder of walking on the Earth, and we give thanks.

Minister: With every word we affirm God's transforming love for each of us, and we give thanks.

People: Gracious Creator, through you all things are made new. Creation is full of your glory.

All praise be yours!

Seekers Church, 2003, adapted

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

M. Ippolitof-Ivanoff

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 1:18-31

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 683:

"O For a World"

AZMON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Trumpet Voluntary

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!

This morning we give thanks for our community.

The Acolyte brings forward the logo of Rocky Mount and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

YOUTH ANTHEM: "Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON:

"Silly God"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"

Richard W. Gieseke

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends? From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need. In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.

Fred Pratt Green

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned: We have seen the gospel through the eyes of the world, instead of seeing the world through the eyes of the gospel. We have sought the easy way rather than your way. We confess our sins, O Lord, asking that with your forgiveness we also receive a wider vision: a picture of humanity that is more varied than the faces we encounter each day, a sense of history and future much larger than our tiny moment in time, and an understanding of your love and mercy that is greater than we can imagine. Grant to us faith to accept your Word, and hope that comes from its presence in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peggy Haymes, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: Acclamations

Jean Langlais

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of

G.H. St. Clair (Bill) by Jean St. Clair, Ramona Farias, Cynthia Thanning and Michelle Blethen.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Henry Williams
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer 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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

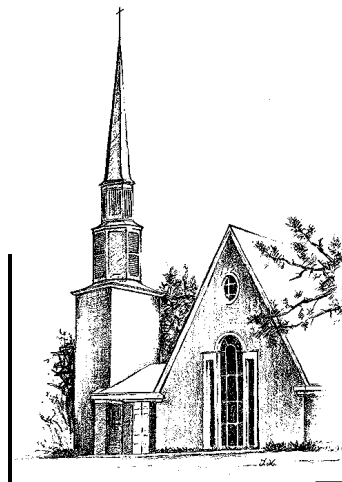
4:30 p.m. Youth meet at church for Super Bowl party.
There will be no other youth or children's activities today.

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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