

# *The Worship of God*

February 4, 2018

THE FIFTH 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: Sonatina in G W. Henry Maxfield

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: I Want Jesus To Walk with Me arr. Tammy Waldrop

CHORAL INTROIT adapted from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come! Just as I am, thy Love unknown hath broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 64: "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God" ELLACOMBE  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Cobb

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

**People: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.**

Leader: All who are lost will find safety here.

**People: All who are lonely will find a friend here.**

Leader: All who are broken will find healing here.

**People: All who have been wandering will find a home here.**

Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

**People: Let us worship God!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful. In the Lord, I will rejoice.

Look to God. Do not be afraid. Life up your voices. The Lord is near.

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:40-45

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 429: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" FINEST WHEAT

\* 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!**

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON: "Sacred Rhythms" Rev. Edwards

## THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: Amazing Grace arr. Sandra Eithun  
Lakeside Ringers

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN Jennifer Cobb

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. These words taste unnatural on our tongues because we do not say them often enough. They sound foreign to our ears for we do not mean them often enough. They feel abrasive to our hearts because they are true. Help us to be honest with ourselves about our wrongdoing and dependent upon you for changing our ways. Do forgive us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 62: "Creator God, Creating Still" ST. ANNE  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Andante Maestoso S. Bath

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Jean and Bill St. Clair by their family.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Edward Evans  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Pichowicz  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Connor Evans  
*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 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.

## BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. RainBowls will be available at each of the exits to receive your offerings as we leave worship.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday & Saturday, February 9 & 10**

Women's Retreat - Boseman Farm

**Sunday, February 11**

Topnotcher Valentine Banquet - 6:00 p.m. Robbins Hall

**Wednesday, February 14**

Ash Wednesday - Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 3**

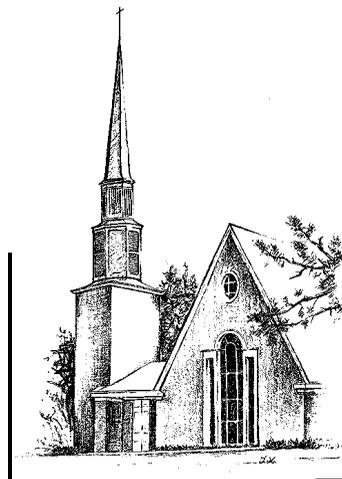
Casserole & Bake Sale - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## 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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