

The Worship of God

February 8, 2015

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: Préalable, Méditation, Rêverie Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Trio in a Joseph Rheinberger

CHORAL INTROIT Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

* 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: From God comes the wonder of creation.

People: We worship God the Creator.

Minister: From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.

People: We worship God our Redeemer.

Minister: From God comes the opportunities of each new day.

People: We worship God our Hope. *Katherine Hawker, adapted*

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Camille Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation; bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house!
Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth. Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

COMMISSIONING OF SAMMIE CRUMLEY

We offer our blessing and support to Sammie Crumley who will participate in a mission trip to Leon, Nicaragua from February 13-20.

HOMILY Dr. Wright

THE BLESSING

Minister: O God, who sent Jesus into the world not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life to set others free, shape us for your ministry.

People: Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.

Minister: You have graced all members of Christ's body, one by one, with gifts of the Spirit to fulfill their vocation: to lead lives worthy of your calling, to be workers who have no reason to be ashamed, to shine as lights to your glory.

People: You have granted each of us the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Minister: You give grace according to the measure of Christ's gift, and some are called to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

People: Grant that together we may all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of your Son, to the full stature of Christ.

Minister: Through your grace, may we lead a life worthy of the ministry to which you call us.

People: We pray now, O God, that you will bless Sammie and those who accompany her this next week. Use her gifts to minister to the people of Leon. Draw her team together in a bond of friendship and support. Surround her with your mercy and be generous with your grace.

Minister: Claim us all, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.

People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE Sammie Crumley

ANTHEM: "It Is A Precious Thing" Johann Friedrich Peter/arr. Clarence Dickinson

It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God; It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed, through the mercy of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God, through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. My heart is resting, O my Savior, in thy loving care, my trust is ever stayed on thee; O hear my earnest prayer that ever faithful I may be, and ever do thy will; O grant this in thy mercy still, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:29-39

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 609: "Take My Life and Let It Be" HENDON
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Gavotte Matthew Camidge

* 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 Missionary Friends, a missions organization which works among the people of Leon, Nicaragua. The Acolyte places a Bible, a hammer, and a bottle of water on the altar, representative of the ministry projects they undertake.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Immortal, Invisible" adapted Eric H. Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON: "Have You Heard?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who spoke into the silence and creation was born, who reached into emptiness and filled the universe with wonders, who set aside divinity and became human.

We believe in God who calls the first to be last and invites the last to be first, who urges us to lose our lives in order to save them, who died and rose again so that we might live forever.

We believe in one God revealed in three Persons, one faith in many manifestations, one hope amid many fears, one Lord and Savior for all the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 64: "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God" ELLACOMBE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Marche Pontificale Ferdinand de la Tombelle

* 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Connor Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Foster McAdams <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: 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.

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

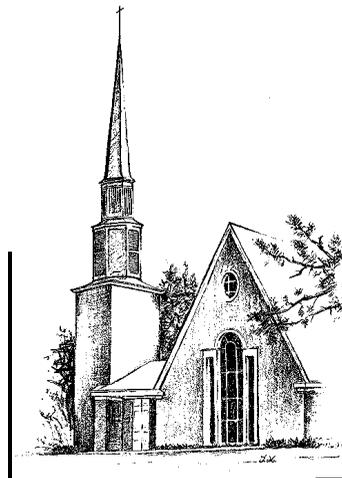
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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*

Lakeside Baptist Church
1501 Sunset Avenue
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Brenda Cotton today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building following worship.

TOPNOTCHERS VALENTINE BANQUET

Our youth invite all of our Topnotchers to join them for our annual Valentine Banquet, hosted in your honor, on Sunday, February 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building. We will enjoy a delicious meal, games, and entertainment. You will not want to miss this time of fellowship! Call the church office by February 11 to sign up.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us February 27-28 for our annual women's retreat at Lake Gaston. A fee of \$80.00 includes meals from Friday dinner through dinner on Saturday. Space is limited so sign up now by calling the office or visiting our website. **Note the date change.**

CASSEROLE AND BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars for the Annual Lakeside Casserole and Bake Sale on March 28, 2015 from 9:30 am-12:00 noon. There will be a special hour for Senior Adults (65 plus) from 8:30-9:30. The proceeds will benefit local missions chosen by the youth as well as their Urban Adventure to New York this summer. The majority of items will be frozen and will be in sizes ranging from 1-4 servings. Containers are available in the Church office. Sunday morning sign-up opportunities will begin on March 1st in the Narthex. Check *The Link* weekly for details and updates.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL
- 7:30 p.m. Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin Donuts

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND SUPPER FEBRUARY 18

On Wednesday, February 18, a service of reflection and repentance, communion and the imposition of ashes will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A soup and sandwich supper will be offered prior to the service at 5:30 p.m. in Robbins Hall. The cost of the meal is \$4.00. Please complete the reservation form and place it in the offering plate or call the church office to make reservations for the meal. You may also sign up on the Events Registration page on the Lakeside website. All reservations are needed by noon on Monday, February 16.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____