

The Worship of God

February 9, 2014

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. 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: Pièces d'Orgue Nicholas Lebègue

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Interlude Herbert Howells

CHORAL INTROIT Norman L. Warren

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.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations.

People: Sing praises to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

Minister: Give glory to the Lord's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

People: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek God's presence always.

Minister: Remember all that God has given us: the wonders he has done, the miracles he has performed, and the judgments he pronounced.

People: Praise the Lord our God for he remembers his covenant with his people forever.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION James Todd

Sing praise unto the Lord, sing praise unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks to His holy exalted name, and give thanks to His holy exalted name.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we admit that we are often like a winter's day, providing enough light to find our way, but offering neither sufficient radiance to distinguish the shadows of our lives nor sufficient heat to provide real warmth. Our good intentions often grow cold and our best aspirations quickly dissipate. Open our hearts to receive your Spirit so that our lives might shine all the brighter. Open our minds to the possibilities of your love so that our choices are all the better. And open our hands to the needs around us so that our compassion generates warmth for all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12

ANTHEM: "O Praise the Mighty Lord" from *Joshua* G.F. Handel/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen
O praise the mighty Lord, our God, sing a joyful song. He reigns in majesty, forevermore. O praise the mighty Lord with joyful song. Hallelujah.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 601: "I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fanfare Kenneth Leighton

* 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 Audio Committee which records our worship so that it can be shared with our Members-at-Home and, through our website, with the larger community. The Acolyte brings forward a worship CD and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my Great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON: "This Little Light" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Redeemer, who has not divided us into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against one another because of race, color, religion, class, gender, or sexuality. We believe in Jesus Christ who suffered because of human sinfulness but has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice. We believe in the reconciling power of God which can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, relief of suffering, and the final triumph of love and grace in our lives and for the whole world. Amen.
Bread for the World, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 665: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fantasia in b J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Steven R. Daughety by Sue Daughety, Ross Daughety,
Brandy and Bobby Adkins, Madison, Annabell and Landyn.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Walt Conner by Faye Conner and family.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Dalton Jordan
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Will Hedgepeth
Crucifer

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*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 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

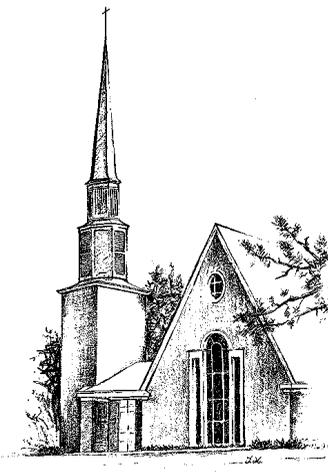
4:00 p.m. Youth Set Up for Valentine Banquet, Kincheloe Hall
5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Topnotcher's Valentine Banquet, Kincheloe Hall
6:15 p.m. Preschool Music 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.



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