

The Worship of God

February 11, 2018

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Immortal, Invisible

Noel Rawsthorne

CHORAL INTROIT

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 124: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Sheila Whitley

Deacon: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: There is a feeling of life and wholeness here that we need for living.

Deacon: There is a sense of Christ's presence here that renews our spirits.

People: There is a commitment to service here that responds to the call of God.

Deacon: Let us rejoice and sing praises for all of God's goodness to us!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Peace" PEACE TO ZION/arr. Kevin Siegfried

Peace unto Zion. Peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have not forgotten to pray, but our requests are often shallow and our prayers hurried. We have not failed to worship, but our time to listen and reflect has been limited. We have not lost our respect for scripture, but we have cheated ourselves of its rich resource of faith and insight. Open our hearts to the gift of time with you. Open our eyes to the gift of your story with us. Open our lives to the grace of your love.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 50

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

Psalm 121, paraphrased

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 284: "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* 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!**

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. We pray for Sammie Crumley who is serving this week.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Mark Edwards

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

SERMON: "It Is Good To Be Here!"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that our faith is in God who creates and sustains life, who intends that life is to possess meaning and purpose, and who calls us to a new way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We profess that faith is something we do resulting from what we believe; that it must be forged in Scripture, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, enlightened through reason, guided by the tradition of the Church universal, and practiced within the local community of faith. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 280: "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Susan Skinner by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Sadie Ponte
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Reynolds Cobb
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 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. 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–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Brenda Cotton this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

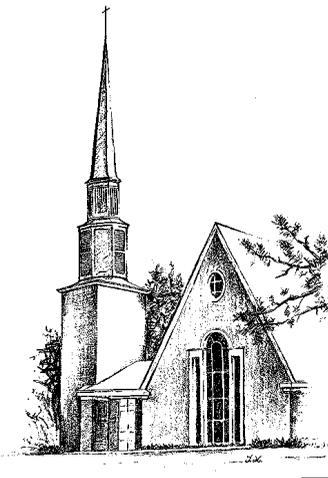
- 4:30 p.m. Youth set up for Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Activities, Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Topnotcher's Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities

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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