

The Worship of God

February 12, 2012

THE SIXTH 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: Partita on *Ein' feste Burg*

Charles Callahan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Récit de Cornet

Francois Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

"A Love Round"

Traditional/arr. Nancy Gifford

Love, love, love, love, Christians this is your call: "Love your neighbor as yourself, for God loves us all."

The Children's Choir

COMMISSIONING OF ROBERT AND LENKA WRIGHT

We offer our blessing and support to Robert and Lenka Wright who depart this week to serve as missionaries in Slovakia.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3

HOMILY

Dr. Wright

THE BLESSING

Minister: You have listened for the voice of God in sacred places, particularly within your own heart and soul and mind.

People: We have watched you increase in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor. The delight we take in your presence in our lives is a reflection of God's joy over you.

Minister: Like the Hebrew Samuel, you awakened to a voice calling you in the night. You recognized the voice as God's and responded to God's call.

People: We believe the story of your call is an expression of God's continuous revelation in your life.

Minister: We rejoice that you have found the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. Therefore, we bless and affirm your ministry, whatever shape it may take.

People: May you continue to know God's healing even as you offer yourselves as instruments of God's healing to others.

Minister: May you be surprised by God's light in the darkness when you need the illumination of divine guidance.

People: May the passion you feel for your calling give wholeness and life to your vocation.

Minister: Above all, know that no matter where your call may lead you, our prayers will surround you, Christ's peace will go with you, and God's love will sustain you. This is our assurance and our hope.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sharland Sledge

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

In keeping with the earliest tradition in the church of offering blessing upon those it calls to serve, anyone who wishes to participate in the laying on of hands is invited to do so. Please come forward along the side aisle on the south side of the sanctuary and follow the ministers. You may return to your seat by the side aisle on the north side of the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lenka and Robert Wright

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Who Will Keep God's Lambs?" *Largo, Symphony No. 9, Dvořák/arr. Gilpin*

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God's lambs? I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today. Lead them to green pastures and find them when they stray. I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand. I will protect the fold of God. I will keep God's lambs. Jesus said to feed his sheep while he is away. Will you take your rod and staff, guard his sheep today? Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God's lambs? Who will keep God's lambs? I will keep God's lambs.

MEDITATION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 687: "In Christ There Is No East or West" ST. PETER
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: St. Andrew of Crete's Carillon

John Jordan

* 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

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 10:25-37

Lenka and Robert Wright

SERMON:

"Dokonalá Láska: Božia Láska"

Robert Wright

ANTHEM: "Now Go with God"

Gail Allen

Now go with God, and as you go, may God go before you to enlighten your path. May God go behind you to be your strong defense. May God go above you to inspire you to the highest of ideals. May God go beneath you to be your strong foundation. May God be without you surrounding you with his love. May God be within you speaking to you in his still small voice. Amen.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God, Savior of the world. By his grace, we have all been received back to the Father as children of God, and we rejoice in the kinship we share with believers the world over. We celebrate the new life that is ours, and we accept our call to share the Gospel through word and deed, beginning at home and extending to all people everywhere.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 450: "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" HYFRYDOL
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Ceremonial March Herbert Sumison
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Norma Turnage by a friend.

*The rosebuds on the altar are placed in celebration of the births of:
Landyn Joseph Adkins, son of Brandy and Bobby Adkins, February 6;
Edward Alton Hunter V, son of Ashley and Edward Hunter, February 7.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Spencer Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sydney Browder
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.*

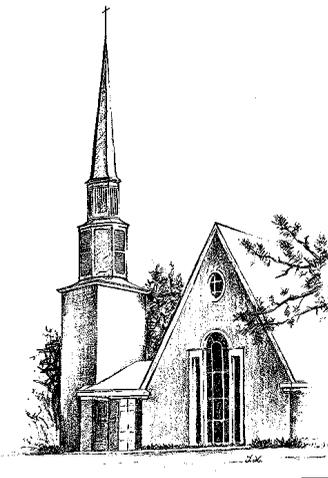
The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the season of Epiphany is white, reminder of the light that guided the magi and of our own charge to be light to the world. The Celtic Cross with its circle 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.

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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