

The Worship of God

February 19, 2012

THE SEVENTH 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: Arabesque, Carillon

Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Verset-Choral

Théodore Dubois

CHORAL INTROIT (*Hymn 659*)

Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90: "Come, Christians, Join To Sing"

MADRID

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come this morning to worship the God made known in Christ Jesus.

People: We come seeking the Christ, the Light of the world.

Minister: We come to worship God, and to seek God's presence.

People: Our eyes are used to the darkness. The light of God's presence may be painfully bright.

Minister: Our lives have grown easy in the darkness. The light of God's presence may be uncomfortable.

People: Even so, we come to worship. Even so, we seek God's presence, for in this Light are our lives.

All: Let us worship God together.

Peggy Haymes

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Charles F. Manning

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty; call upon him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. We praise you for the blessings we have received in life, but we do not share our abundance with others. We take great delight in the beauty and wonder of creation, but we do not take care of the earth that is our home. We celebrate our acceptance as your children, but we do not recognize others who are your children as well. We claim you as our God, but we want you only for ourselves.

Open our minds to understand how truly blessed we are. Open our eyes to all of the wonders of your world. Open our hearts to the ties that bind us to one another. And open our souls to your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-4

ANTHEM: "We are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

(A Traditional Zulu Song based on Psalm 27:1-4)

We are singing for the Lord is our light. Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever. When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone. Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock. We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 636: "Abide With Me"

EVENTIDE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Toccato

Robert Jones

* 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: "Beautiful Savior"

Chester L. Alwes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of Creation, Son of God and Son of man. Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations! Son of God and Son of man. Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-42

SERMON: "First Impressions"

Rev. Haymes

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who imagined order, beauty and community drawn out of chaos. We believe in Jesus Christ whose coming envisioned a people renewed and a creation restored. We believe in the Holy Spirit whose presence empowers us to be children of God and to claim the promise of God's redemptive love for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters and for all of creation.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise the God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mary Lou Wagner by Joyce and Bob Siler.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Robbie Bass
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Peggy Haymes
Pulpit Guest

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Andersen Cobb
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.*

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.

COMMUNICATIONS BOOK

A Communications Book is located in the narthex. You may use this book to record your visit with our congregation, to leave a note for the ministers or office staff, or to sign up for a trip or activity.

WE WELCOME OUR PULPIT GUEST

We are delighted to have Peggy Haymes as our guest preacher today as well as the leader of the Women's Retreat this weekend. We are also happy to have her as we celebrate the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching. See the accompanying insert for more information.

As a minister, Peggy Haymes has served as an associate minister, chaplain, interim pastor, devotional editor, writer and counselor. In the coming months she will begin writing an online religion column for the Winston-Salem Journal.

As a student, she's earned degrees from Furman University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Wake Forest University, along with a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at NC Baptist Hospital. As a writer, she's written and published a number of books and hymn texts. She's currently completing a book of daily devotionals. As a person at large she cares for two dogs and a cat (which is good because the cat does not care for the dogs) and enjoys running, biking, painting and working in her yard.

As a human being and child of God, she's still trying.

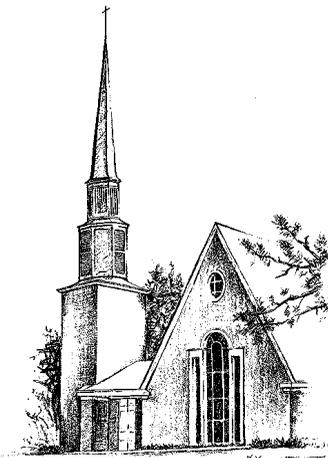
She lives in her hometown of Winston-Salem, NC, where she has a counseling practice.

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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