

The Worship of God

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

February 21, 2016

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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: Organ Sonata IV, Movement. II Alexander Guilmant

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Intermezzo Christopher Morris

CHILDREN'S CHOIR INTROIT: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" J.H. Fillmore
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

* 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: Listen anew to the story of our faith,

People: God welcomes us through the grace of the Risen Christ.

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People: Told and retold in the lives of the faithful: past, present and future.

Minister: Listen anew to the story of our faith,

People: Written upon our hearts, bearing witness to God's love, calling us to love one another.

Minister: Listen anew to the story of our faith,

People: The story of grace alive within us all.

All: Our faith which seeks understanding rests in You, O Lord.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOR EX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ADORATION: "The Lord Is My Light" Michael Bedford

The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light, whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid? For in times of trouble you hide me in your dwelling; you shelter me and comfort me, and set me high on a rock. Hear, O Lord, when I cry to you, give ear to me and answer; O hide not your face from me, your face, O Lord, do I seek.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Timothy 3:14-17

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 322: "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation on *Parce Domine* Mark Pichowicz

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen! *Isaac Watts*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5

SERMON: "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: Listening to Scripture" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we meet our true selves and encounter you. We are daily tempted to put worldly values before the things you value. We are tempted to use the gifts you give us for our own benefit at the expense of others. We are tempted to use scripture as a weapon rather than receive it as a healing grace. We are tempted to manipulate you to satisfy our own needs. Merciful God, hear us and walk with us through the time of trial. Forgive our sin and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy, confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy, opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts, sharing the wonders of God's world.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy, asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy, seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy, and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 618: “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Meditation Peter Hurford
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Charles Wilkerson by Sallie Ray Wilkerson.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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| Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i> | Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> | Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i> |
| Madi Adkins <i>Acolyte</i> | Mark Pichowicz <i>Interim Organist</i> | Michael Waters <i>Crucifer</i> |

*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 is purple, used to indicate royalty and suffering alike, a reminder of Christ’s kingship and the suffering he endured for us all. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal. The symbol is comprised of the two Greek letters, chi and rho, the first two letters in the Greek word Christos, meaning 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 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

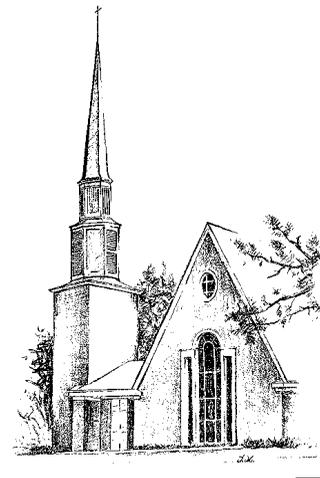
- 12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children’s Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children’s Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children’s Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. We the 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 and honor the baptism of persons coming to Lakeside from other Christian denominations. If you would like to know more about our church and its ministries, fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.



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