

The Worship of God

Be Thou My Vision

February 22, 2015

THE FIRST 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: Chorale Prelude on *O Man, Bewail Thy Great Sin* J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prelude on *Slane* Noel Rawsthorne

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 272: "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: When night gives way to dawn and light reveals the wonder of your creation,

People: Open our eyes to see your glory, O God.

Minister: As we enjoy the bounty of our world,

People: Open our eyes to see the generosity of your goodness.

Minister: As we move through each day,

People: Open our eyes to see the needs around us.

Minister: When we puzzle over problems and lament the challenges we face day by day,

People: Open our eyes to discover the gifts and abilities you have given to us.

Minister: When we pray that you will intervene and make a difference in our lives,

People: Open our eyes to a vision of the ministry to which you call us, O God.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ANTHEMS: "Thank You, Lord" Ron Hamilton/arr. Shelly Hamilton

Loving Shepherd of my soul, keep me close; I love you so. Lead me where the waters flow in your rich green pasture. Be my guide; I'm in your care; keep my feet from ev'ry snare. I will follow anywhere you call me to go. *Thank you, Lord; I will thank you, Lord. In your will I'm content; I'll not wish for more. I will seek your kingdom first; I will trust all that you do. Thank you, Lord; I rejoice in you!* Shepherd of eternity, all my future you can see. Show me what is best for me; I trust in your goodness. In the valley I'll not fear; through the storm your voice I hear. Your strong arm is always near; I rest in your love.

"Witness" African American Spiritual/arr. Mark Patterson

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God awhile. The king at once for Daniel did send, he put him right down in the lions' den. God sent angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep. Daniel was a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Who will be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.

MEDITATION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We admit that we enter this season of Lent expecting a somber and joyless journey. We do not like to look too closely in the mirror. We already know our shortcomings. We prefer an upbeat experience that will boost our spirits.

Open our eyes to the person you have created us to be. Open our ears to the joyful song of grace you sing. Open our hearts to the vision of a life that is full and complete in Jesus Christ our Lord. *silence*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 9: 8-17 Allen Stanton

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 180: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude on *Amazing Grace* David Lasky

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH

**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: "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" Mark A. Miller

Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall. We're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are. Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here. We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall. God has called us one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 9-15

SERMON: "The People Outside of the Ark" Bishop Peter Witbooi

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God calls his people to act in faith, to move in new directions, and to believe with fresh understanding.

We believe that God calls us to transform our world, equips us with the gifts and abilities to do so, and provides for us a vision of his community.

We believe that we are on a journey of discovery, seeking God's vision, and celebrating God's gift of life. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 595: “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata in e minor Johann Pachelbel
- * Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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 Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Beth Seagroves <i>Crucifer</i>
Bishop Peter Witbooi <i>Guest Preacher</i>	Phil Valera <i>Guest Organist</i>	Allen Stanton <i>Lay Reader</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.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children’s Church with Amy and David Green 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

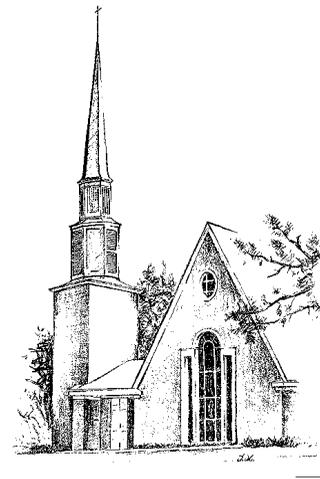
- 5:00 p.m. Children’s Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children’s Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children’s Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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 worshiping 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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WE WELCOME OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS

We are privileged today to have several guests join us in worship. We are grateful for their particular gifts and for their willingness to share them with us.

Bishop Peter Witbooi and Rev. Sikawu Makubalo, of Johannesburg, South Africa, participated this weekend in the Responsible Outreach Conference hosted by Duke University Divinity School. The conference was organized by Allen Stanton, son of Cheryl and Joe Stanton. Allen is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at Duke University Divinity School and will serve as our lay reader today.

Bishop Peter Witbooi's episcopal area includes the urban area of Johannesburg, mining communities, agricultural areas, and informal townships. Throughout his career, Bishop Peter has confronted Apartheid and been an advocate for a variety of social issues within South Africa. Bishop Witbooi has worked and continues to work closely with leaders across South Africa. He has a passion for missions, education, and anti-poverty efforts. We are grateful to have him preaching for us today.

Rev. Sikawu Makubalo began his ministry in a mining community outside of Johannesburg. Currently, he serves as the minister of a church in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, working to integrate the congregation. He also serves as the chair of the missions and outreach committee for the Central District, working closely with Bishop Witbooi. He has a passion for reconciliation, building sustainable community partnerships, and working with impoverished areas. Rev. Makubalo spoke to the Discussion Class this morning.

We are grateful to have Phil Valera return as our guest organist. Phil is the Assistant Professor for Audio Recording Technology at Barton College's Department of Communication and Performing Arts. He has served as the Music Director/Organist at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Wilson from 2001 to 2011. Prior to coming to Wilson in 2000, he served as an organist/choirmaster in Lakeland, Florida, and Sarasota, Florida. A Massachusetts native, he received his music degrees from Boston University. He lives in Wilson with his wife Debbie.

ANOTHER TASTE OF LAKESIDE

In 2004 the ladies of Lakeside Circle 10 published their first cookbook, *A Taste of Lakeside*. Virtually everyone in the church contributed recipes, over 500 recipes in all, creating a delicious snapshot of the great cooks and families in our church. From the sale of the cookbooks and gifts from the Circle membership, approximately \$15,000 has been given to support missions. From the 1,350 cookbooks ordered in 2004, fewer than 50 are left. Recently the group determined that it was time to create a new cookbook, and they are asking for everyone's support in making this project another great success.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed favorite recipes to include in the new cookbook Circle 10 is preparing. We have had a wonderful response thus far! Recipe forms are available in the church office or may be printed from our website (visit *The Link* page). Please use the recipe format found in *A Taste of Lakeside* as a guide for writing your recipe. Be specific with instructions (pan size, oven temperature, ingredient amounts, etc.) and don't forget to include a comment about each recipe as well as your name. Return your recipes to Lakeside!



SHAGGING FOR SHELTER

The United Community Ministries Board of Directors will hold "Shagging for Shelter" on Friday evening, February 27, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Imperial Centre. Tickets for this fund-raising event are \$35 per person and include a barbecue dinner, silent auction, raffle, and dancing. Tickets are available in the church office and donations are also appreciated for those unable to attend.



CASSEROLE AND BAKE SALE

We need you to show off your culinary skills in sweet and/or savory recipes for the annual Lakeside Casserole & Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, March 28, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The proceeds will benefit local missions chosen by the youth as well as their Urban Adventure to New York this summer. Casseroles may be in sizes ranging from 1-4 servings or family size. Cakes (may be cut in half), pies, brownies, cookies, sauces, etc are popular as are breads, rolls and muffins. There will be a special hour for Senior Adults (65 plus) from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Containers are available in the church office. Sunday morning sign-up opportunities will begin on March 1.

