

The Worship of God

February 24, 2013

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: Praeludium and Fugue in A

Johann Gottfried Walther

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PIANO MEDITATION: Three Part Invention in g

J.S. Bach

CHILDREN'S INTROIT: "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."

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Give praise to God and rejoice in his love.

People: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together!

Minister: Rejoice in God's presence and sing songs of praise to God's name.

People: We seek God's will and pray that we may walk safely in his path.

Minister: Let everyone thank the Lord for his many benefits.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADORATION: "Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?" Suzanne Lord

Do you know your Shepherd's voice? Are you list'ning with your heart? Have you stopped to hear him calling, felt the peace his words impart? As the world shouts its orders that are easiest to hear, won't you draw away and listen to your Shepherd standing near? Are you listening? The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters and he restores my soul!

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 27

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 566: "Be Still My Soul" FINLANDIA
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Voluntary in D

John Bennett

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

This morning we give thanks for the North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Ministry which provides food, laundry services, and volunteer help when natural disasters occur. A young person brings forward the logo of this ministry and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-43a

SERMON: "The Paradox of Our Faith: Peace Amid Chaos" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

Minister: Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have praised you with our lips but we have not trusted you with our lives.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We have been injured but have not let you bind our wounds.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We have been attacked but have not asked you to be our defense.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We have become imprisoned by our fears but have not asked you to be our savior.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: Forgive our unwillingness to trust you with our needs and our hesitation to speak honestly with you.

People: Forgive our neglect of your grace, O God, and heal us in body, mind, and spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Holy Lord" Benjamin Harlan

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, who shed his precious blood that we might be redeemed. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come forevermore shall be! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell there-in, rejoice in all the earth, ye saints below, let earth and heaven sing, let all creation sing! Sing praises to our King! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their all. Holy to the Lord. Sing Holy to the Lord.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

During this season of Lent, we embrace the paradox of our faith:

We believe in God who spoke into the silence and creation was born, who reached into emptiness and filled the universe with wonders, who set aside divinity and became human.

We believe in God who calls the first to be last and invites the last to be first, who urges us to lose our lives in order to save them, who died and rose again so that we might live forever.

We believe in one God revealed in three Persons, one faith in many manifestations, one hope amid many fears, one Lord and Savior for all the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 679: "God the Omnipotent" RUSSIAN HYMN
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude in F Alexandre Guilmant

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth on February 19 of Gavin Patrick O'Neal, son of Nicole and Will O'Neal, by his grandparents, Laura and Louis O'Neal.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Sara Raper
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Chandler 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.*

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 CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Sue Daughety 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.

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 storage case following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

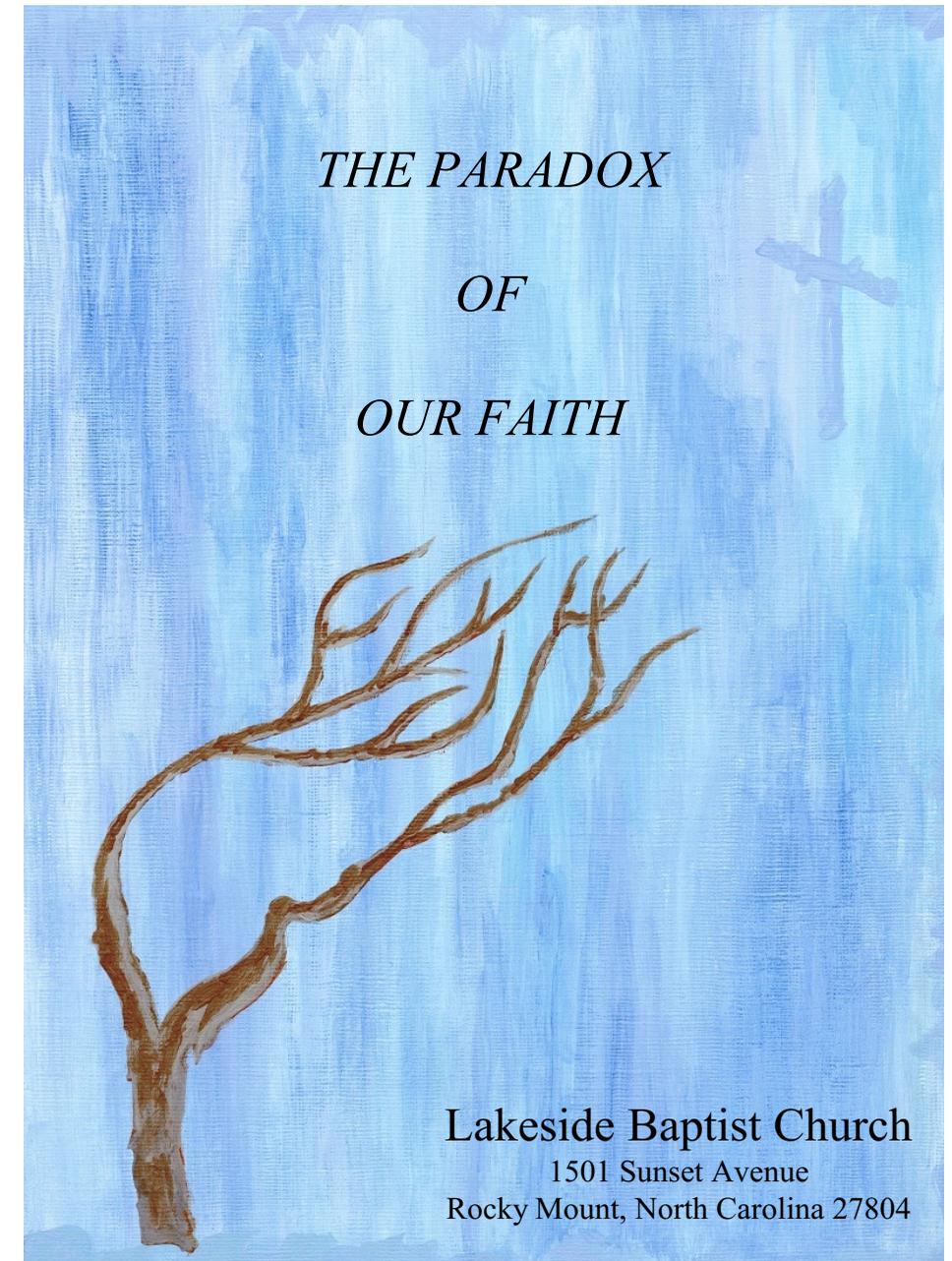
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL

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.



THE PARADOX OF OUR FAITH

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