

The Worship of God

May 7, 2017

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Voluntary

John Stanley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Praeludium

Simon Sechter

CHORAL INTROIT

Cleland B. McAfee

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 230: "Now the Green Blade Rises"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

NOËL NOUVELET

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: For us the stone has been rolled away.

People: Hallelujah!

Minister: The old has passed away, all things have become new.

People: Hallelujah!

Minister: Let us with supreme happiness celebrate this feast!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

arr. Donald Moore

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless his holy name. Amen.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 429: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

FINEST WHEAT

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

* 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: "The Church's One Foundation"

Samuel Wesley/arr. John Ferguson

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song. How long, how long? Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits for peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we like saints before us, may see you face to face.

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

SERMON: "How Far Have We Come?" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we confess to You, to one another, and to ourselves. We break faith and we break peace but we often do not break bread together. We allow much to be broken in our life together: broken spirits of children, broken relationships in our churches, broken social structures for health, housing and education, broken commitments to global justice. We confess that we have not believed that the little lunches we carry could be blessed into enough pieces to feed the world. Accept our repentance, forgive us all our sins, and open our hearts to the gifts within us. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 494: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” ST. BRENDAN’S
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune Alfred Fedak
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carrie Fussell by Jean St. Clair and family, and Kenneth Fussell and family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Watts by Bill Watts.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Chase Joyner <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Charlie Lane <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 Easter season is white, symbolic of purity and light and a reminder of the glory of God revealed through Christ’s resurrection. The Celtic Cross with its circle celebrates 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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

CHURCH PICNIC

Join us this afternoon for a church picnic at the home of Betty Anne and Joe Whisnant. Good food, great fellowship, and fun on the water will be the order of the day. We will grill hot dogs for everyone. Each family is asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert and a lawn chair. You are invited to come as early as 4:00 p.m.

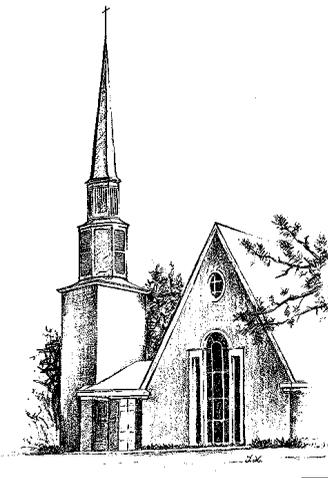
Directions to the Whisnants' home: from Rocky Mount, take 64 West and exit on I-95 S toward Wilson. Drive 8 miles and take Exit 132. Turn left on Westmount Drive and in a quarter of a mile, turn right onto Sapony Creek Drive (Red Pit Stop Service Station is the landmark on the corner). Drive about a mile and turn right again onto Leon Road. Drive to the end of Leon bearing left and it is the last house on the left on the water. The address is 5915 Leon Court. Transportation from the church parking lot is available if requested.

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.



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Lakeside*

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