

# The Worship of God

July 8, 2012

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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, Fugue, and Ciacona in C Dietrich Buxtehude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Ballade Richard Coeur de Lion

CHORAL INTROIT Shaker Hymn/arr. Donald Moore

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 25: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

**People: God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.**

Minister: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

**People: Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.**

Minister: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

**People: The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.**

*Thom M. Shuman*

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION *(Hymn 659)* Norman L. Warren

People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have accepted your generosity with open hands, but are not always as eager to help others. When we have opened our hands in service to another, we have not been so willing to open our hearts. We have too often been shortsighted about the benefits of our kindness. Remove the scales of indifference from our eyes. Loose the shackles that bind our hands. And free our hearts to love others as you have loved us; through Jesus the Christ.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 12:2-10

ANTHEM: "God Is the Lord of All" from *Samson* G. F. Handel/Hal Hopson

God is the Lord of all; let songs of joy sound forth. Your loud, uplifted, mighty trumpets blow. For God is Lord, God is Lord of all.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 453: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Toccata in Seven John Rutter

\* 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: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple/arr. Mark Barnard

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving of ourselves that we receive. And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-13

SERMON: "Shazam!" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God who created the world and all that is in it, in the Son he sent to redeem the world, and in the Holy Spirit who is his presence in the world today. We believe that everything we have belongs to God, given into our keeping for the good of the world. We believe that we are to live spiritually in the world, deal justly with all persons, and contribute to the care of the needy and poor among us. We believe that through our faithfulness and stewardship we are blessed with abundant life. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 476: "Rejoice in God's Saints" HANOVER  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Acclamations Jean Langlais

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of David McKnight on his birthday by Teresa and Robert Martin, Chris and Andrew.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Reynolds Cobb  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Sara Sykes  
*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 green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the 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.

## JULY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES "CARING FOR GOD'S CHILDREN"

Beginning in 2007, churches in our community have sought to bring healing and unity to our city by gathering in July for a series of worship services. By worshipping with different congregations, we discover how other believers express their praise and thanksgiving to God. We learn more about the things we share in common and gain openness to the things we do that are different. Above all, we experience a shared faith in Jesus Christ who claims us all as the children of God. This evening we will gather at 6:00 p.m. at Abundant Life Ministries, 500 Peachtree Street (across from Braswell Library). Rev. Mary Kathleen Duncan, Associate Minister of First Presbyterian Church, will preach.

## GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP 2012

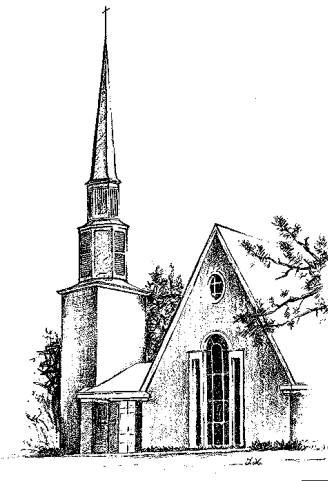
The twenty-first year of Gatekeepers Workcamp begins this evening with a cookout and orientation. Tomorrow morning 100 youth and 51 adult participants will begin work on eight sites. Dozens of other volunteers will assist with lunches, refreshments, cookouts, photography, set-up and clean-up. This year's theme, based on I John 3:16-18, will be developed through daily devotions and discussions and will challenge us to demonstrate Christ's love, not only with our words but also in our actions. Please pray for our volunteers, the homeowners with whom we will work, and our entire community as we seek to love with our words and our actions.

## 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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