

# The Worship of God

July 15, 2012

THE SEVENTH 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: Variations on *St. Anne*

David Lasky

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Vision

David Paxton

CHORAL INTROIT

Anonymous

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,  
Be glory as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**People: For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

Minister: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**People: Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION (*Hymn 659*)

Norman L. Warren

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-11

ANTHEM: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Robert W. Thygerson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love! Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither  
by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me  
when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his  
precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a  
fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 490: "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fairest Lord Jesus

Albin Whitworth

\* 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

WORKCAMP EXPERIENCES

Jennifer Cobb, Adult Volunteer

Hunter Cuthrell and Ashley Waters, Youth Volunteers

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 EPISTLE LESSON: I John 3:16-18

SERMON: "Love In Action"

Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through  
which we are granted the gift of life eternal. We believe that our only and proper response to  
such love is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given to  
each of us:**

**We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unflinching loyalty and commitment, and  
opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;**

**We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to  
confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;**

**We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to  
us in the service of love, thereby becoming the "hands of God."**

**We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and  
caring for one another's needs.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 586: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postludium

Gordon Young

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Joshua C. Pridgen, Jr. by Denise Pridgen Bennett and Olivia Hardy Williams.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Robbie Bass  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*  
Clyde Patterson  
*Guest Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Leigh An Bulluck  
*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.*

**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.

**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIAN**

We welcome back Clyde Patterson as our guest organist today. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and was Organist and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 32 years. He and his wife, Dorothy (who is also an organist and piano teacher) have two children and three grandchildren. Since retiring in 2002 he has substituted at the organ for various churches in the area. He is currently the part-time organist at Nashville Baptist Church.

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

As we have for several years, we will join our sisters and brothers throughout the community for worship on the Sunday evenings in July. These worship experiences are a wonderful opportunity to join other believers in celebrating the grace of God in Rocky Mount and to encourage one another as we seek to make a difference in our community. Each service will be conducted in the manner of the host church's worship and will include the celebration of communion. A light reception will follow each worship service. This week's worship will be held at Church on the Rise, 3520 Bishop Road. Rev. Ken Richardson, Associate Minister at Word Tabernacle Church will be preaching.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

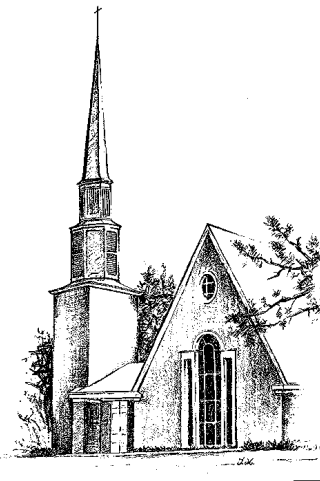
12:15 p.m. . . . . Diaconate Meeting, Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. . . . . Community Worship, Church On the Rise  
3520 Bishop Road, Rev. Ken Richardson, preaching

**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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