

# The Worship of God

July 19, 2015

THE EIGHTH 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 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: Prelude and Fugue in G J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Grazioso G.F. Telemann

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 280: "God is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH  
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 13

Minister: "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; although the smallest of all the seeds, when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

**People: "The kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."**

Minister: "The kingdom of God is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

**People: "The kingdom of God is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."**

**All: May we discover the kingdom of God among us and give everything to be a part of God's movement on earth.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION (Hymn 659) Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. 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. 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.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of light and life, we know that much of our witness lies in revealing Christ through the ways we love and care for one another. Forgive us if there is no evidence in us of the One who has come to dwell among us. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us who claim to follow him. Cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor. May our lives radiate faith active in love through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 494: "They Will Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: The Gift to Be Simple Greg Sewell

\* 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!**

*This morning we give thanks for Gatekeepers Workcamp which repairs homes for elderly and disabled homeowners in our community. The Acolyte brings forward a 2015 t-shirt and places it on the altar.*

## 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: Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON IN DIALOGUE: "Coloring Outside the Lines: Seeking God's Kingdom" Rev. Edwards

Gatekeepers Participants: Andy Barker, Carol Barker, Barkley Browder, Spencer Bulluck  
Ginny Cobb, Cameron Graham, Trevor Graham, Doug Edwards, Will Hedgepeth  
Louis O'Neal, Jan Raynor, Jody Wright

ANTHEM: "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty/arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God who imagined the world as a place of beauty and wonder and in Jesus Christ, the Living Word, by whose compassion the world came into being. We believe in the Spirit, God's power at work, by whose grace the world and all of life is sustained. We believe that we are God's children, chosen to worship and called to serve. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 288: "O God of Vision" LOBE DEN HERREN  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Processional in C Clyde Patterson

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Barbara Biggs by James, Jaye and Alex Biggs.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Dalton Jordan  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Trevor Graham  
*Crucifer*

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Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://lakesidechurchrmt.org)

*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.

## 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 Prayer Room following worship.

## WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST

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 serves part-time as organist at Nashville Baptist Church.

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

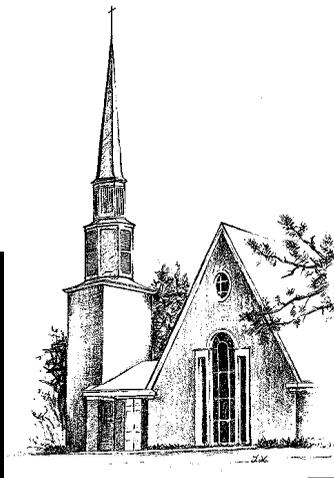
During the summer, churches from throughout the community join together for worship and fellowship. This evening we will gather at First Presbyterian Church, 153 North Church Street, at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Richard Gerald, Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, will preach. An offering will be received to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

## 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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