

The Worship of God

July 21, 2013

THE NINTH 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: Psalm 65

Alec Rowley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Elevation in G

Dom Paul Benoit

CHORAL INTROIT

William Monk/arr. Donald D. Kettring

Praise the Lord, his glories show, Alleluia! Saints within his courts below, Alleluia!

Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia! Praise him, praise him evermore! Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 91: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come in worship to proclaim the goodness of God.

People: To celebrate life in its fullness and to acknowledge God's generous blessings.

Minister: We gather in worship to express our gratitude:

People: To offer thanks for the gifts that summer brings, for the abundance of life, and for the love of family and friends.

Minister: We come in worship to declare God's love.

People: To share the abundance of his goodness with the world.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. St. Richard of Chichester

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Seeking to control the world that often challenges and perplexes us, we have lost our sense of wonder. Wanting to appear sophisticated and enlightened, we have lost the simplicity of our faith. Afraid of the questions we cannot answer, we have made you distant and uninvolved.

Dazzle us with the beauty of the nighttime sky and the intricacy of a flower in bloom. Intrigue us with the unworried faith of a trusting child. Surprise us with the nearness of your Spirit and the steadiness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15

ANTHEM: "Thy Perfect Love"

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast. That I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee all things best, and wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Jesus Shall Reign

Wilbur Held

* 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 Robert and Lenka Wright who serve as missionaries in Slovakia. The Acolyte brings forward a symbol of their ministry and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Angels of Heaven"

arr. Kevin Siegfried

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing. Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON:

"Don't Forget Sarah"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are people of ceaseless hope because God gifts us with generous hearts, forgiving spirits, trustworthy friends, supportive families, and healed relationships.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God raises up our discarded dreams, forgives our poor choices, brightens the dark corners of our lives, and offers us the promise of a better tomorrow.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God blesses our sorrow, promises an end to our grief, lifts our spirits, and restores our laughter.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God teaches us that harmony trumps conflict, compassion overturns apathy, and self-worth is rooted in God's redemptive love for us.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God lives among us, shares our lives, claims us as his own, surrounds us with his love, and offers us his salvation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 622: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

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

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

* 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, Alison Biggs and Michael Larkin.

The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Addison Rose Williams, daughter of Fred and Ashley McDevitt Williams, on July 18.

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
Hunter Cuthrell
Crucifer

*Children's worship aids are available in 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

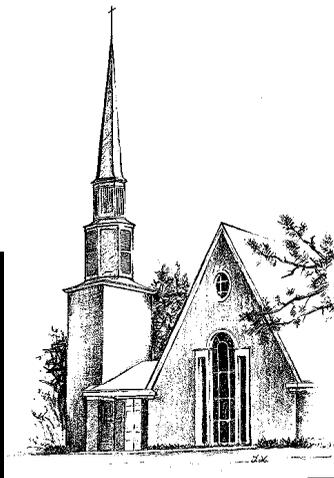
We welcome Clyde Patterson as our guest organist today. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and was Organist and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 32 years. He and his wife, Dorothy (who is also an organist and piano teacher) have two children and three grandchildren.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

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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