

The Worship of God

July 23, 2017

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 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: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Lyrisch Stück Gustav Adolph Merkel

CHORAL INTROIT Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 17: "O Worship the King" LYONS
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: With word and song, we gather to praise God who has blessed us with life in Jesus Christ.

People: We are drawn into God's presence by his grace.

Minister: We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

People: We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION James Todd

Sing praise unto the Lord, sing praise unto the Lord, O ye saints of His,
and give thanks to His holy exalted name, and give thanks to His holy exalted name.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, here we are with many faults together with our few gifts and loves. Here we are with the fruits of some wisdom but also with the weeds of our folly. Here we are bearing the gratitude for small victories yet shame for soft defeats. Here we are aware of some sins but blind to other aspects of evil in our lives. Here we are wanting you to know it all, to forgive the ugly and rescue the beautiful. God our Savior, here we are totally dependent on your gift of salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Bruce Prewer

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "I Will Joyfully Sing" Mary McDonald

I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will sing! I will sing! I will sing of praises, his goodness to me. I will sing!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 75: "I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry" WATERLIFE

* 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!**

This morning we give thanks for the Rocky Mount faith community which builds unity among believers in order to bring wholeness to our community. The Acolyte places the 2017 Summer Worship logo on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Search Me, O God" Edward J. Hopkins/arr. Ken Berg

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free. I praise you, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; fulfill your Word and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame; grant my desire to call upon your name. O Holy Spirit, revival comes from you! Send a revival, my own heart renew. Your Word declares you will supply our need; for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead. Lord, take my life, for I would live for you; fill my poor heart with your great love so true. Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride; I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.
J. Edwin Orr

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON: "Wait and See" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father who created us in love to be free, responsible, and compassionate.
We believe in Jesus Christ who came to reveal God's love, whose Truth sets us free,
and who calls us to the freedom of faith and service.
We believe in the Holy Spirit who remains with us that we might know God's constant love,
break away from all types of bondage, and return to God the love he has so freely bestowed upon us. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 431: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Epilogue Norman Gilbert

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Alfred Ayscue by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music

Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Jim Wiggs
Summer Choir Director

Bo Browder
Acolyte

Beth Seagroves
Crucifer

Lakeside website: 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.

2017 SUMMER COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

Who is at the Table? Who is Missing?

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." John 13:34

July 23 • 6:00 P.M.

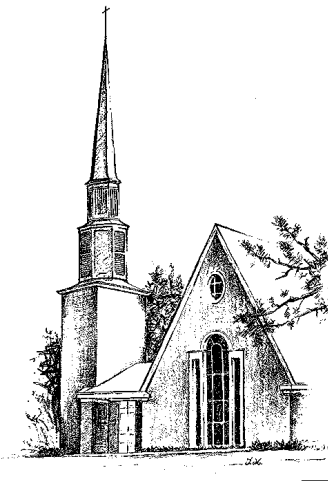
Foster Memorial Baptist Church, 1911 S. Church Street, host
Rev. Dr. Jody Wright, Lakeside Baptist Church, preacher

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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