

The Worship of God

July 26, 2015

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 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: When in Our Music God is Glorified James Pethel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Our Father Who Art in Heaven J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God who is the source of all life, and the lover of all creation, you are a God of mystery.

People: May our worship be filled with wonder.

Minister: You are a God of truth.

People: In our worship we seek the truth about who we are and whose we are.

Minister: You are a God of wisdom.

People: May we not settle for merely being clever.

Minister: You are a God whose kingdom has no end.

People: May we be kingdom people.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We confess that we want to have more of you in our lives, but without the discipline and pain of preparing to receive you; forgive our evasions and cowardice. We confess that we are attracted to false prophets who offer an easy discipleship and a cheap grace; forgive our liking for inferior substitutes. We confess that we often fool ourselves into believing that our rough ways and crooked paths are justified; forgive our excuses and defiance. By your saving grace, redeem us from our own cynicism so that we may wholeheartedly return to you; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 22:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "A Heart to Serve"

Valerie Showers Crescenz

O Lord, if I will wait for thee, my heart's desire you'll give to me; what I desire, Lord, most of all is but a heart that hears your call. O Lord, create in me anew a heart that's honest, pure and true; a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve. Whatever joy my future brings will not be found in earthly things; I'll have the greatest of rewards: a heart whose joy is in the Lord. Give me a heart that loves you best, a heart that finds you in my rest, a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 612: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Rock of Ages Dennis Johnson

* 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 teachers and volunteers who give their time and energy to nurture and guide our youth and children. The Acolyte brings forward a Bible and a Sunday School book and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Heart and Mind, Possessions, Lord" Ancient Indian Melody/adapted Marian Jean Chute
Heart and mind, possessions, Lord, I offer unto thee; all these were thine, Lord, thou didst give them all to me. Wondrous are thy doings unto me. Plans and my thoughts and everything I ever do are dependent on thy will and love alone. I commit my spirit unto thee. Heart and mind, possessions, Lord, I offer unto thee; thou art the Way, the Truth: thou art the Life. Sinful, I commit myself to thee. Jesus Christ is filling all the heart of me. He can give me victory o'er all that threatens me. Jesus Christ is filling all my heart.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 2:6-13

SERMON: "A Lifelong Journey" Rev. Edwards

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 595: "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation" Claude Murphree

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren by Emily and Leon Henderson.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madi Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Andersen Cobb
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.

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

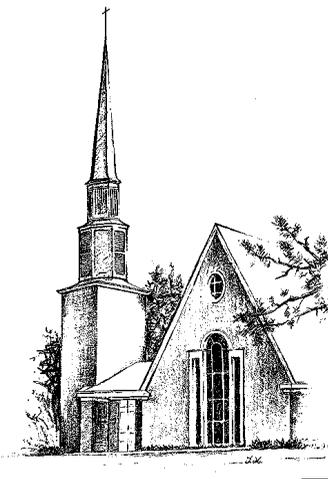
During the summer, churches from throughout the community join together for worship and fellowship. This evening we will gather at Mount Zion First Baptist Church at 320 W. Thomas Street. Rev. Matt Johnson, the rector at Church of the Good Shepherd, will preach. An offering will be received to benefit 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.



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