

The Worship of God

July 29, 2012

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: Voluntary in C

John Stanley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Charles Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 27: "Come, Thou Almighty King"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

ITALIAN HYMN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy,

People: And our hands like drums to beat out a holy rhythm.

Minister: O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir,

People: And our feet were young enough to dance through the night.

Minister: O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder,

People: And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.

Minister: Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer,

People: And hear us as we sing, along with the heavenly voices, in exultation and joy:

* 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.
(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. You seek the best for us, desiring health and wholeness, peace and justice for all creation; yet, we seek our own way, we hunt for success, popularity, and wealth. We crave immediate satisfaction, the quick fix, a temporary relief. We sit at the wrong tables and fill our lives with unsatisfying foods. Forgive us, O God, and welcome us to your table. Feed us with truth and justice and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 6:1-21

ANTHEM: "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

Eugene Butler

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind; for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. He, with all commanding might, filled the new-made world with light; he the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run; all things living he doth feed; his full hand supplies their need; let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 612: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Bells in Seven

Andrew Fletcher

* 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

ANTHEM: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON: "4-D Faith"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Creator of the universe, and in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who lived and died among us that, through faith, he might always dwell in our hearts.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who in comfort or correction leads us to the will of God.

We believe in the Church, community of the redeemed, gathered to follow Christ in mission and fellowship, stewardship and service.

We believe in the Scriptures, the Word-of-God-Written, given for reproof, correction, guidance unto salvation, and the maturity of the saints.

We believe God loves us, Christ died for us, the Holy Spirit remains with us, and the Church on earth is for the abounding praise of God. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 622: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Lakeside Music Program by Leon and Emily Henderson.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Foster McAdams
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer 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.

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.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

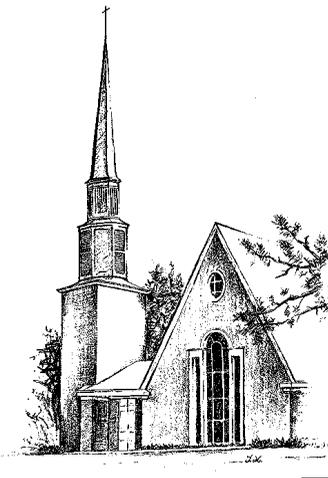
As we have for several years, we have been meeting with our sisters and brothers throughout the community for worship on the Sunday evenings in July. These worship experiences are a wonderful opportunity to join other believers in celebrating the grace of God in Rocky Mount and to encourage one another as we seek to make a difference in our community. Each service is conducted in the manner of the host church's worship and includes the celebration of communion. A light reception follows each worship service. The last worship service in the series will be held this evening at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Church Street. Rev. Dr. Michael Perry, pastor of Foster Memorial Baptist Church, will preach.

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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at
Lakeside*

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