

The Worship of God

July 31, 2016

THE ELEVENTH 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: Berceuse

Ernest Tomlinson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: A Miniature

Gordon Phillips

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 110: "You Servants of God" HANOVER
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Like Miriam, let us sing with gladness, for our God triumphs over evil and oppression.

Minister: Like Hannah, let us pray with grateful hearts, for the Lord our God hears our prayers.

People: Like Jacob, let us wrestle with God, for out of such struggles new faith is born.

Minister: Like Abraham, let us respond to God's calling, for in faith's journey, we find our lives.

People: Like Peter, let us turn from denial to complete commitment to Christ.

Minister: And like all the believers who have preceded us, let us accept the abundant life God offers us.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Peggy A. Haymes alt.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Eric Thiman

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We come before you as wanderers who need to come home to familiar ground and saving grace. We come compromised from seeking a living in a ruthless world, in need of facing our failures and regaining our bearings. Lift us out of our pre-occupation with our own needs. Allow us to trust you with all that is past and to commit to you all that is to come. Make us joyful in all the goodness we have received from your hands, and let us seek the same grace and joy for those who live and work beside us; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2-3; 2:18-26

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Sweet Rivers of Mercy"

Sheldon Curry

Sweet rivers of mercy are beckoning me to leave the comforts of shore; to wade in forgiveness, wash up with grace, be cleansed forevermore. God's love like a spring in the wilderness flows; a never failing relief for ev'ry despairing, withering soul who comes to kneel and drink. Streams of pardon, fresh and free; Healing Fountain, O taste and see! Sometimes in the desert my faith can seem weak, my spirit weary and sore; then a voice gently whispers, "Child, do not fear." God's providence is sure. Sweet rivers of mercy are beckoning me to leave the comforts of shore; come wade in forgiveness, wash up with grace, praise God forevermore!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 602: "O Master. Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

* 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 Communities in Schools, "a network of passionate professionals working in public schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life." The Acolyte brings forward the CIS logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:13-21

SERMON: "Vanity or Legacy"

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 459: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” AUSTRIAN HYMN
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Tuba Tune in D Craig Sellar Lang
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Jerry Jolley
by a grateful congregation.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i> Madi Adkins <i>Acolyte</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i> Will Hedgepeth <i>Crucifer</i>
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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.*

SUMMER COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

Join fellow Christians from throughout the city for our 10th Annual Summer Community Worship Services! Each week we will worship in a different church and hear local pastors speak on the theme of “Being God’s Peace.” All worship services begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include the celebration of communion and an offering to benefit Communities in Schools. The worship schedule is as follows:

July 31: St. Mark AME Church, 1150 Tarboro Street
Preacher: Rev. Mary Harris Todd, Pastor, Morton Memorial Presbyterian Church
August 7: Church on the Rise, 3520 Bishop Road
Preacher: Rev. Richard Joyner, Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ICE CREAM SOCIAL • TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

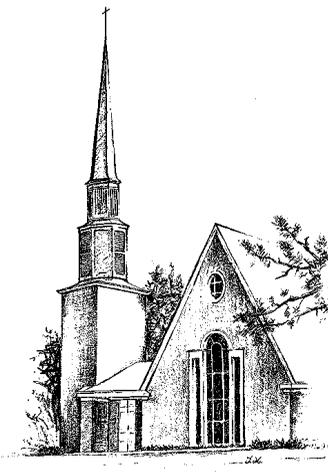
Join our City Lake neighbors on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the lawn outside Robbins Hall for homemade ice cream with favorite sundae toppings and assorted desserts. We will enjoy music together and have another opportunity to meet and visit with our neighbors.

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

Lakeside Baptist Church
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