

The Worship of God

August 7, 2016

THE TWELFTH 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: March Religioso Charles Darnton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Reverie W. H. Burt

CHORAL INTROIT John J. Husband

Revive us again; fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen; Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 16: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Happy are the people who worship God.
People: Happy are those who walk in God's presence.
Minister: In his name they shall rejoice all the day.
People: His righteousness shall lift them up forever.
Minister: Let us worship and rejoice!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Robert Lau
Come and sing, make a joyful noise, sing alleluia! Sing, O sing for joy all nations of the earth.
Sing, O sing, alleluia!

FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of
Avery Charlotte Hunter, daughter of Ashley and Edward Hunter, born October 11, 2015,
and Kendall Dean Steffen, son of Caroline and Paul Steffen, born May 25, 2016.*

HOMILY

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your children before God, in solemn dedication?
Parents: We do.
Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
Parents: We do.
Minister: Do you promise to instruct your children in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer, and to provide guidance in the development of a Christlike character?
Parents: We do.
Minister: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, so to shape your home life, by your words and by your example, that your children will naturally come to an open confession of Christ as Lord and enter into the fellowship and service of the church?
Parents: We do.

Minister: As a congregation, what pledge do you make to these parents?

People: We rejoice in these new lives that have come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your children in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your children's growing faith through worship, teaching, and service.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, our heavenly Parent, we have received our children in trust from you. Acting as stewards of this holy trust, help us to love our children unselfishly, and to guide them into righteous living. We pledge our lives to the fulfillment of this holy calling, and pray for your divine help through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILD

ANTHEM: "Evening Song" Zoltán Kodály
Peaceful woods, the dusk descending, fragrant now with summer's ending; there I rested, and e'er sleeping, praying sought his sweet safekeeping. Thus I lay there, silent, praying; "Lord, I wander ever straying; wand'ring through the world, yet knowing. thou wilt guard me, and my going. Let not darkness from thee hide me, may thine angels watch beside me. Guard us all while we are sleeping, safe forever in thy keeping, ever, ever, in thy keeping."

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-16
Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 190: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" STORIES OF JESUS
* OFFERTORY PRAYER
ORGAN OFFERTORY: Offertoire W. Henry Maxfield
* 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 our children whose trust and curiosity are an inspiration for our faith.
The Acolyte places on the altar a sculpture of children playing and praying.*

PROCLAMATION

DUET: "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish Folk Melody/arr. Jeremy S. Bakken
Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh, his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Bo Browder and Chase Joyner

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:29-38

SERMON: "Children Were There" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Your Servant I Will Be"

Mark Patterson

Your servant I will be, by the gift of grace you've given to me. Your servant I will be. How I long to live my life, O Lord, for thee. Though I am the least of these, the least among your people, your grace is alive in me, that the world may know your love. Great are the works of the Lord; great is the mercy of Christ my Savior, who has redeemed me and fills me with joy all the days of my life. I will live my life, O Lord, for thee.

Based on Ephesians 3:7-11

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UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for choosing to protect our faith rather than live it, to admire it rather than to be molded by it. Forgive us when we cling to a faith too small for the challenge of this life and the hope of the life to come. Forgive us, and renew within us a great and living faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 420: "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: The Chorister's March Arthur Berridge

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Faye Cooper Reese by Hope Reese and John Farmer.*

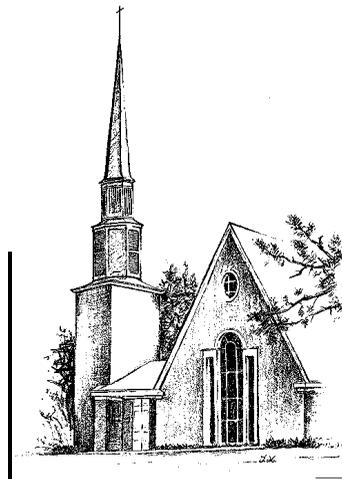
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Bo Browder <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Sara Raper <i>Crucifer</i>

*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.*

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.



Worship at Lakeside

Lakeside Baptist Church
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