

The Worship of God

August 17, 2014

THE TENTH 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: Variations on *Aurelia*

Janet Linker

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Liturgical Prelude III

George Oldroyd

CHORAL INTROIT

Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

Here we gather as God's people with our friends from far and near; let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here. Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends. Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather in memory of God's loving providence in times past.

People: We gather in the awareness of God's sustaining presence in this hour.

Minister: We gather in the promise of God's unfailing care in days ahead.

People: We gather in hope of all God will do through us.

Minister: We are God's unfinished creation, seeking to become the persons God would have us to be.

People: Finish then thy new creation, that in our worship we may be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

arr. John L. Bell

He came down that we may have hope. Hallelujah forevermore.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. In days past we have exhibited anger, impatience, and a quickness to judge. At times we have been thoughtless and self-centered. Often we have lacked compassion and understanding. For all these things, forgive us.

In the days ahead, help us to live closer to our potential. Enable us to catch a vision of your dream for our lives, to live each day as it unfolds, and to see the wonders of your grace on every hand; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 67

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 545: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

HE LEADETH ME

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: This Is My Father's World

Dale Wood

* 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 Nominating Committee which invites us to participate in the various committees which carry out the ministry of our church.. The Acolyte brings forward a list of the church committees and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace"

arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON: "Where Is God These Days?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who created not only the grand and intricate systems of the universe, but also the simple and mundane elements of life. We believe in the God who stands not only outside of time and space, but who stands with us in this immediate time and this particular place. We believe in the God who is not only Lord of heaven and earth, but who also came as a babe to experience the life we live. We believe in the God who is extraordinary in every aspect, especially in the ordinary ways he enters our lives. Blessed be the God of Life.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 619: "My Life Flows On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
(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 Festiva

Gilbert Martin

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Pat Culpepper by Dennis Culpepper.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Clyde Patterson
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Trevor Graham
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.

GUEST ORGANIST

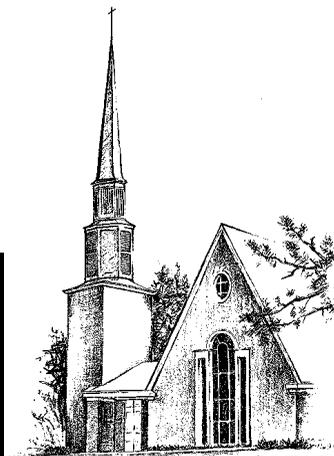
We welcome back Clyde Patterson as our guest organist today. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and was Organist and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 32 years. He and his wife, Dorothy (who is also an organist and piano teacher) have two children and three grandchildren. Since retiring in 2002 he has substituted at the organ for various churches in the area. He currently serves part-time as organist at Nashville Baptist Church.

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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