

# The Worship of God

August 20, 2017

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: Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: The Gift of Love, Variation III

Janet Linker

CHORAL INTROIT

Norman L. Warren

People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify. Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 17:7-8

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

**People: Happy are they who place their confidence in God.**

Minister: They are like trees planted by the water, that send out their roots by the streams.

**People: They do not fear when heat comes, for their leaves remain green.**

Minister: They are not anxious in the year of the drought, for they do not cease to bear fruit.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord! The Lord, our God, sustains all who wait upon him.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

traditional African-American melody/harm. Cleveland and Nix

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord. Been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Fountain of Grace, turn toward us, meet us where we are. Soften the hard-baked clay of our sinfulness with the tears of your grace and make us whole again through Jesus Christ in whom our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.**

*Thom M. Shuman, adapted*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 56:1-8

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Creation Will Be at Peace"

Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 628: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECIOUS LORD

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: The Gift of Love, Variation IV

Janet Linker

\* 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 school teachers, administrators, and staff who guide our children in the development of mind, body, and character. The Acolyte places a text book, an apple, and a ruler on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Lord, Have Mercy"

Pepper Choplin

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on my brother. Lord, have mercy on my sister. While I'm a-praying down on my knees, Lord, have mercy on me. When we gather 'round a brother who is lyin' on a bed of pain, we're praying, Lord, won't you lift him up and take his burden away. For the children carin' for their parents, for the mother worry-in' 'bout her child, I'm praying, Lord, won't you lift them up and give them peace for awhile. I'm praying now, Lord, have-a mercy on the children, Lord, have mercy on the parents, and while I'm prayin' for all of these, O Lord, have-a mercy on me. When I'm a-callin', "Lord, Lord," I won't be callin' in vain. When the waters of trouble are risin' up, I'm callin' your name! Lord, have mercy on my brother. Lord, have mercy on my sister. While I'm a-praying down on my knees, Lord, have mercy on me.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON: "He Said What?"

Rev. Dr. Doug Murray

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Eternal God, we believe that you are the light of the minds that know you,  
the joy of the hearts that love you,  
and the strength of the wills that serve you.  
As we live in these days of resurrection hope,  
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
whom to serve is perfect freedom and life everlasting. Amen.**

*Augustine of Hippo (adapted)*

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 622: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA  
*(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 Gift of Love, Finale Janet Linker
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Bill Kincheloe by a friend.*

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Ava Juliet Pridgen,  
daughter of Lisa and Will Pridgen, on August 11 in Raleigh.  
Beth and Dwayne Pridgen are the proud grandparents.  
Great-grandparents are Sheila Whitley and the late Dudley Whitley.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Ramsey Ward <i>Acolyte</i>	Reynolds Cobb <i>Crucifer</i>
Clyde Patterson <i>Guest Organist</i>		Dr. Doug Murray <i>Pulpit Guest</i>

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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.*

**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS**

We welcome Rev. Dr. Doug Murray to Lakeside as our guest preacher today. Doug Murray grew up in Raleigh, then went to Wake Forest University and Southeastern Seminary. He served churches in Baltimore, Maryland and Eastern NC. In June he retired after 22 years as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Wilson. He is currently serving as the Moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. His wife Candy is a retired Cooperative Extension Agent. Their daughter Whitney and son-in-law Jay live in Asheville, where they are expecting a baby in December.

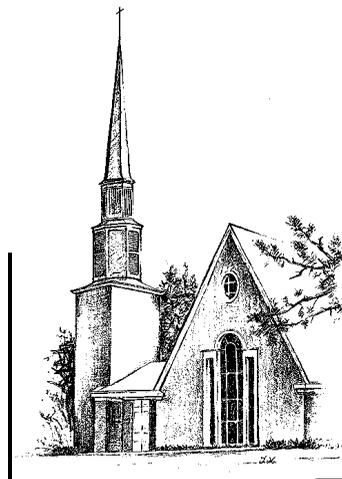
We also welcome Clyde Patterson as our guest organist today. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and was Organist and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 32 years. He and his wife, Dorothy (who is also an organist and piano teacher) have two children and three 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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