

The Worship of God

August 25, 2013

THE FOURTEENTH 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: Little Prelude and Fugue in g J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Liturgical Prelude III George Oldroyd

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

Ubi caritas et amor

Where charity and love are,
God is there.

Déus ibi est.

Congregávit nos in únum Chrísti amor.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Minister: Who forgives all your sins, and redeems your life from loneliness and desolation;

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies you with goodness.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION (*Hymn 569*) Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? 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.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are too timid to dare to be strong or too strong to acknowledge our many weaknesses; when we are foolish enough to cling to our ignorance or clever enough to despise those we believe to be foolish; when we are half-hearted toward new opportunities or so impatient we respond in haste; when we are wasteful of meager resources or ungrateful when resources are abundant; when we willfully cling to our favorite sins or piously try to be more religious than Jesus, have mercy on us, O God. Bring us to a genuine repentance and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Bruce Prewer, adapted*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14

ANTHEM: "Awake My Heart" Jane Marshall

Awake my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling, thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 73: "There's A Witness in God's Mercy" WELLESLEY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Our Father Who Art in Heaven J.S. Bach

* 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 Backpack Buddies which provides weekend meals and snacks for Benvenue Elementary children who are at risk for hunger. The Acolyte brings forward a bottle of juice and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:10-17

SERMON: "Just One More Day" Dr. Catlett

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit, who calls us to abandon our pride, and to embrace people in every condition.

We believe that when we see persons who are hungry, we must feed them. Those who are thirsty, we must give to drink. The homeless we must house. The naked we must clothe. The sick, the imprisoned, the stranger – whatever the need we must address it.

We believe that whatever we do for one of God's children, we are doing for God. If we should turn our backs, or harden our hearts, to the cries of any of God's children, we have then rejected the very God who has redeemed us. But if we minister in his name, we shall receive eternal life, prepared for those who honor God with their deeds, as well as their words.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory" 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 God of Abraham Praise Michael Burkhardt

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Walt Conner by Faye and family.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Spencer Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Michael Catlett
Guest Preacher

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Will Hedgepeth
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.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER

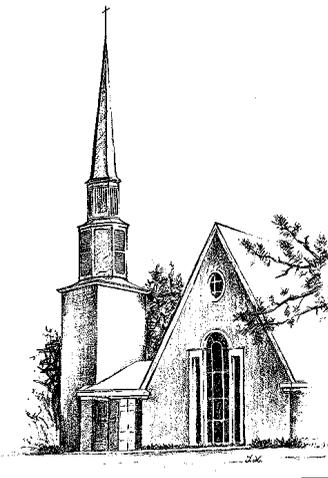
We welcome Rev. Michael Catlett to our pulpit today. He served as a pastor for thirty-three years with congregations in Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia. Rev. Catlett retired a year ago after serving for twenty-two years as Senior Pastor at McLean Baptist Church in McLean, VA. He and his wife Susan have two grown daughters and expect their first grandchild in October. Jim and Laura Henderson were members with Michael and Susan at McLean Baptist.

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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