

The Worship of God

September 9, 2012

THE FIFTEENTH 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 *Come, Thou Fount*

Albert Travis

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Liturgical Prelude #1

George Oldroyd

CHORAL INTROIT

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!
Micah 6:8

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

People: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not!"

Minister: The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; the lame man shall leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

People: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Minister: And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing.

People: Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father; Holy is the Son; Holy is the Spirit, blessed Three in One.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To you, O God, we bring our lust for power and set it down before your shedding of power; we bring our love of money and place it before your willing poverty; we bring our stubborn pride and set it before your utter humility; we bring our pay-back mentality and lay it before your mercifulness; we bring our self interest and rest it before your self giving; we bring all our vaunted wisdom and lay it before your cross.

Most merciful God, forgive us once again. Enable us to let go of guilt and to prevent future mistakes. Correct the distortions in our thinking and feeling, and realign our hopes and ambitions to your will. Let us become in action as well as intention, brothers and sisters to one another and of Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

James 2:1-17

ANTHEM: "God Be in My Head"

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 566: "Be Still My Soul" FINLANDIA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee 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!**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"

Richard W. Gieseke

O Christ, the Healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends? From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need. In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.
Fred Pratt Green

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

SERMON: "Why Did Jesus Sigh?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that our faith is in God who creates and sustains life, who intends that life is to possess meaning and purpose, and who calls us to a new way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We profess that faith is something we do resulting from what we believe; that it must be forged in Scripture, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, enlightened through reason, guided by the tradition of the Church universal, and practiced within the local community of faith. Amen.

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: Rejoice, the Lord is King Charles Callahan

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Beverly Bulluck on her birthday by Charlotte and Jerry Jolley.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madison Costa
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Clyde Patterson
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Hunter Cuthrell
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.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIAN

We 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 is currently the part-time organist at Nashville Baptist Church.

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

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

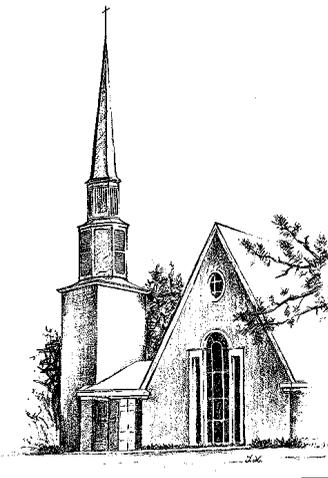
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL
- 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers and Children Dismiss
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Dismiss

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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