

The Worship of God

September 15, 2013

THE SIXTEENTH 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: Pastorale in F J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Pavane IV Luis Milàn

CHORAL INTROIT Joachim Neander

God himself is with us: let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple: all within keep silence, and before him bow with reverence. Him alone, God we own; to our Lord and Savior praises sing forever.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 23: "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being,

People: We stand in awe.

Minister: In the presence of a God whose arms have held children,

People: We stand in trust.

Minister: In the presence of a God who has caused our hearts to ache with compassion,

People: We stand in need.

Minister: Before you, Giver of life, we come in faith, in search of love and wholeness and guidance.

All: Be with us; hear us; help us, we pray.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOR EX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION William Giles

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of Mary Douglas Robillard,
born on May 13, 2013 to Jan and Andrew Robillard.*

HOMILY

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your child before God, in solemn dedication?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your child 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 child 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 this new life that has come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your child in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your child'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

SOLO: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" 17th Century English Melody/arr. John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings: God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. *Emory Pittman, soloist*

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Timothy 1:12-17

ANTHEM: "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Wayne Howorth

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 doth 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.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 16: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Processional William Mathias

* 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 Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, a ministry that reaches out to children and families in crisis. The Acolyte brings forward a model of a home and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call thee, come O Lord of hosts today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON:

“The Consequences of a Life Well Lived”

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Father of us all, and in Jesus Christ, God’s Son and our Lord. We believe that Jesus became as we are, born into this world as a helpless infant, facing the challenges of childhood and the temptations of adulthood. We believe that he has shared both our joys and our sorrows.

We believe that in Jesus, God spoke to our world in a new way. In him the Word became flesh and lived among us, embodying God’s steadfast love and mercy. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God continues to speak to our world offering the same grace that Jesus taught and lived throughout his ministry. We also believe that we are called to share that grace with the world in Christ’s name.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 609: “Take My Life” HENDON
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Menuette Gothique Léon Boëllmann
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mac Carpenter by Margaret Carpenter, Jill Ward and Jo Webb.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Anna Adkins <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Robbie Bass <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.*

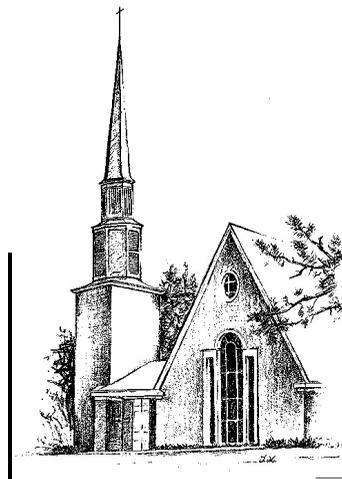
The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers’ stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the season is green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us 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 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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