

# The Worship of God

September 23, 2012

THE SEVENTEENTH 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: Intrada, Sursum Corda

John Ireland

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: The Ash Grove

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

CHORAL INTROIT

Cleland B. McAfee

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

MARION

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Love circles around, joining hands, linking hearts;

**People: Flowing from parent to child, from friend to friend;**

Minister: From one beloved to another.

**People: Love circles around, never giving up, always reaching out.**

Minister: Love circles around,

**People: And God's love embraces all. Thanks be to God!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Moore/arr. Shortt

Praise the Lord. Sing his praise.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that we have been less than child-like in our minds and hearts. We have labored for that which does not satisfy and given ourselves to things that do not build up the family of God. We have been selfish and self-serving and have cared little for your concerns in the world. Forgive us, and redeem us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

ANTHEM: "Thou Art God"

Lionel Bourne

Thou art the peace of all things calm. Thou art the place to hide from harm. Thou art the light that shines in dark. Thou art the heart's eternal spark. Thou art the door that's open wide. Thou art the guest who waits inside. Thou art the stranger at the door. Thou art the calling of the poor. Thou art my Lord and with me still. Thou art my love, keep me from ill. Thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Savior this very day.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 636: "Abide With Me"

EVENTIDE

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Alla Marcia

John Ireland

\* 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: "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 GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON:

"Welcoming God"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the God of children, who ordains his truths to come from the mouths of babes and receives them into his heavenly kingdom;  
We believe in the God of young people, who guides them in the course of their development and calls them into his eternal service;  
We believe in the God of young adults, who blesses them with work for their hands and hope for the world they are building;  
We believe in the God of older adults, who forgives their shortcomings, hears their prayers for the young, and helps them to see the beauty of all their relationships;  
We believe in the God of the elderly, who prepares them even in this life for the blessedness of the life to come, and whispers in their sleep of the wholeness that awaits them beyond;  
We believe in the God of all ages, who himself is ageless but walks with us in every age.  
All glory be given to God now and forever. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 594: "Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind"

REST

*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Marche Pontificale

Ferdinand de la Tombelle

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Nelson and Mary Kincheloe Freeman who were wed yesterday at Lakeside.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Eli Bass  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Trevor Graham  
*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.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AND YOUTH SUMMER EXPERIENCES**

Don’t miss our fellowship supper this evening as we gather for a feast of good food and fellowship and hear reports of the summer activities of our youth. The covered dish supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Kincheloe Hall. The church will provide meat, bread and drinks. You are asked to bring vegetable dishes, salads, and desserts. After the meal, youth and adults who participated in this summer's Workcamp and pilgrimage will share their experiences with us and show slides from the two events.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

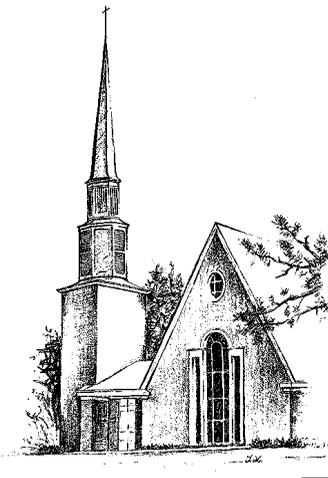
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir and Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. . . . . Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner, Kincheloe Hall
- 6:15 p.m. . . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children’s Choir
- 7:00 p.m. . . . . Preschoolers and Children Dismiss

**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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