

The Worship of God

October 30, 2016

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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: Chorale Prelude on *Nun preiset alle* Healy Willan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prayer Alexandre Guilmant

CHORAL INTROIT John J. Husband

Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen; Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather in the memory of God's loving providence in times past.

People: "I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears."

Minister: We gather in awareness of God's sustaining presence with us in this hour.

People: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Minister: We gather in the promise of God's enduring care in days ahead.

People: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Ruth Artman

Come, Holy Spirit, come; till we are wholly thine. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. We have relied upon the habit of worship to take the place of involvement in worship. We have expected our religious upbringing to suffice for ongoing maturity of faith. We have depended upon the ministry of the Church as a substitute for our own involvement in ministry. Have mercy upon us, O God, and grant us your grace.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "And the Father Will Dance" Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom he loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song! And he will joy over you in song. My soul will make its boast in God, for he has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God. Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear, for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And he will joy over you in song. And the Father will dance over you in joy. God rejoices over you in song!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 273: "Built on the Rock" KIRKEN DEN ER ET

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* 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 Lakeside Involved, our annual day of ministry to our community.
The Acolyte brings forward the logo of our neighborhood and places it on the altar.*

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" David M. Cherwien

Rise, O Church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace; may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days. Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console. Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal. Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive; present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live. Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live. Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath; mercy be our destination from this day and unto death. Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith. Susan Palo Cherwien

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:1-10

SERMON: "To Be or Not to Be (Seen)" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lakeside Baptist Church confesses Jesus Christ as Lord, on the basis of who he was and is, and what he did and does. Who is he? We confess him to be God's unique son, the Messiah of Israel, the Lord of Life. What did he do? He gave his life even unto death – by God's will and for our sake – on the cross. He comes again and again by the Holy Spirit to communicate himself to his people. His people are the Church.

We seek simply to be one visible congregation of Christ's church. We hold particular views about the Christian faith; however, we also rejoice in our Lord's gracious gifts to our fellow believers who may see God in other ways. Happily, we count them as our brothers and our sisters.

We live out our faith by taking seriously our commitment to each other and to the world. We share not only our words, but our money, our time, and our talents, with our friends here, and with all God's people everywhere.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 272: "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Gigue in G J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Garrett McWayne Bishop (June 8, 1958 - October 27, 2005) by Mom and Pop, Leannette and Kurt.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Connor Evans
Crucifer

Lakeside website: 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.*

The paraments on the altar, pulpit, and lectern, along with the ministers' stoles, provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. Today is Reformation Sunday when we commemorate Dr. Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. Luther's call for an evaluation of Church doctrine led to the great rediscovery of the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The color of the day is red, a reminder of fire which symbolizes the Spirit of God, and of blood which symbolizes the life created and redeemed by God for which Christ and other martyrs of the faith have died. The Jerusalem Cross, comprised of one large cross surrounded by four smaller crosses, reminds us of the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

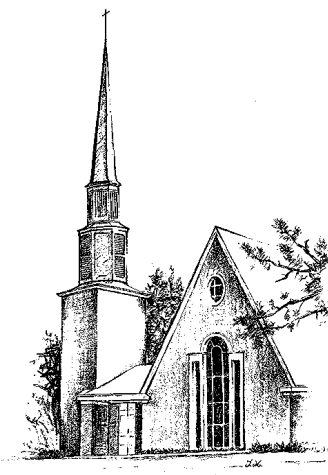
4:30 p.m. Youth Set-up for Fall Festival, Lehman Courtyard
5:00 p.m. Fall Festival, Lehman Courtyard, Youth and Music Suites
7:00 p.m. Youth Clean-up and Hay Ride

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.



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