

The Worship of God

“The Generous Community”

November 9, 2014

THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 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 and Variations on “My Jesus, I Will Ne'er Forsake” J. G. Walther

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prelude on “Brother James' Air” Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 718: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 19

Minister: The heavens are telling the glory of God, all creation speaks volumes of God’s handiwork.

People: Each sunrise proclaims God’s faithfulness and the night reveals the Creator’s awe.

Minister: Without a word being spoken, all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

People: So, too, may we join in witness with all creation. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be God’s signature in the world.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one thing more: give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We clutch when we should spend, hoard when we could be generous, doubt when we should lean on faith.

Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love which rushes to meet our every need. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace for bountiful life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “Look at the World”

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev’rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev’ry day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:

All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold.

Ev’rything grows, ev’rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father’s fold.

Ev’ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;

We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav’ns above.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 56: “For the Beauty of the Earth” Dix

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children’s Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude on "Simple Gifts" Wilbur Held

* 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 our Landscape Committee which keeps our grounds beautiful and reminds us to be good stewards of creation. The Acolyte places pruning shears and a trowel on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings over flows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:11-32

SERMON: “From Garden to Garden: The Generosity of God” Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of fruit time and harvest, who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

We believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those who slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all things for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the Giver;

We believe in the world as the arena of our spiritual life, where we are to share our tables with the poor and our hospitality with the stranger; for in so doing we shall fulfill the desires of him who has given us everything so that life might be full and complete. Amen.

John Killinger, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude in F Vincent Lubeck
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Buck Overton by Ann Winstead, Sue Daughety and their families.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Bo Browder <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Katy Jaber <i>Crucifer</i>
	Philip Valera <i>Guest Organist</i>	

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.*

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST

Phil Valera is the Assistant Professor for Audio Recording Technology at Barton College's Department of Communication and Performing Arts. He has served as the Music Director/Organist at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Wilson from 2001 to 2011. Prior to coming to Wilson in 2000, he served as an organist/choirmaster in Lakeland, Florida and Sarasota, Florida. A Massachusetts native, he received his music degrees from Boston University. He lives in Wilson with his wife Debbie.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

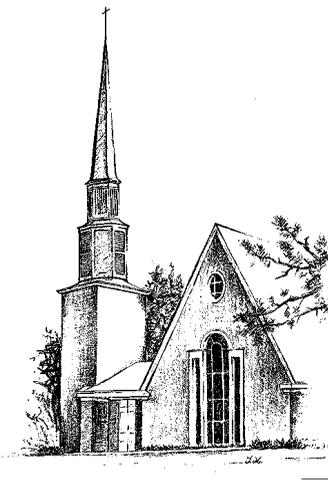
- 5:00 p.m. Ministry Plan and Committee Forum, Lecture Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities; Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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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