

The Worship of God

November 12, 2017

THE TWENTY-THIRD 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: Pièce d'Orgue

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante in G

Charles Darnton

CHORAL INTROIT

George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 122 Genie Raper

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: Our feet are standing within your courts, O God.

Minister: Pray for the peace of God's house.

People: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.

Minister: For the sake of relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, let us seek its good.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Charles F. Manning

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty; call upon him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We admit that at times we tend to look down at the narrow path we are walking and miss all of the wonders of life around us. At other times our eyes are fixed only on the horizon and we fail to notice the mundane activities that keep the day moving along. Too often we look at ourselves alone and do not see the people who share our lives. Open our eyes to the wonder of your world, tiny and grand, glorious and seemingly insignificant, and enable us to see you present in all of it.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I John 4:7-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Holy Lord" Benjamin Harlan

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, who shed his precious blood that we might be redeemed. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come forevermore shall be! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell there-in, rejoice in all the earth, ye saints below, let earth and heaven sing, let all creation sing! Sing praises to our King! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their all. Holy to the Lord. Sing Holy to the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 586: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* 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 Habitat for Humanity which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the Rocky Mount Area. The Acolyte places a hammer on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Angels Among Us" Becky Hobbs and Don Goodman

I was walking home from school, on a cold winter day, took a shortcut through the woods, and I lost my way. It was getting late, and I was scared and alone, but then a kind old man, took my hand, and led me home. Now Mama couldn't see him, oh, but he was standing there. And I knew in my heart, he was the answer to my prayers. *Oh I believe there are, angels among us, sent down to us, from somewhere up above. They come to you and me, in our darkest hours, to show us how to live, to teach us how to give, to guide us with the light of love.* When life held troubled times, and had me down on my knees, there's always been someone, to come along, and comfort me. A kind word from a stranger, to lend a helping hand, a phone call from a friend, just to say, "I understand." But isn't it funny, at the dark end of the road that someone lights the way, with just a single ray of hope. They wear so many faces, show up in the strangest places to grace us with their mercy in our time of need.

Chase Joyner, soloist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:8

SERMON: "Do You See What I See?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's image lies in the hearts of all people including those whose ways are different from ours, whose faiths are foreign to us, and whose tongues are unintelligible to us. We believe that God loves all people with a great love, that all religion is an attempt to respond to God, and that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own and are known to God. We seek to recognize God in words of truth, in things of beauty, and in the actions of love about us. As we pray for one another, we pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no one land more than another, and to every land no less than to another. Amen.

Adapted from the World Council of Churches, Vancouver Assembly, 1983

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 431: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” AR HYD Y NOS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Choral on a Melody by Melchior Vulpius Healey Willan
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Buck Overton by Ann Winstead, Libba Robbins, Sue Daughety, and 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>
Edward Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Michael Waters <i>Crucifer</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.*

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.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children’s Church with Leslie Paszek 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.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

This evening we will offer a congregational forum at 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Education Building. The purpose of this gathering is to offer you the opportunity to ask questions about the Proposed 2018 Ministry Plan, the Nominating Committee Report, and the Deacon Nominees.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

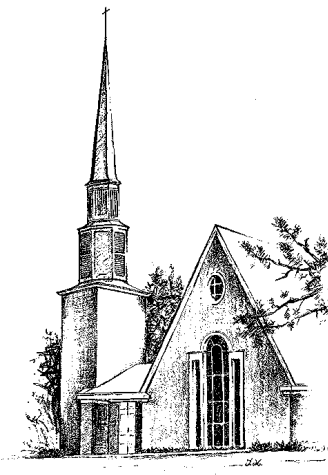
5:00 p.m. Congregational Forum, Lecture Room, Education Building
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities, SNL
 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers Dismiss
 7:15 p.m. 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.



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