

# The Worship of God

November 20, 2016

REIGN OF CHRIST 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: Trio Sonata I, Allegro moderato in E<sup>b</sup> J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Fanfare on Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup> Hart Morris

CHORAL INTROIT arr. John Yarrington

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love that from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come together as the body of Christ.

**People: We remember the paths we have traveled. We seek signs of the way ahead.**

Minister: We look for God . . .

**People: In the mirror of the world around us, through the window of silence within us, in the songs and stories of those before us.**

Minister: We celebrate as a family of faith, gathered in the name of the risen Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Arthur H. Messiter

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing!

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned: We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation; we have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel; we have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts; we have failed to remember that all good gifts come from you and to be good stewards of our money. Have mercy upon us and grant us your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Thanksgiving!" John Ness Beck

For seed time and harvest and the good will of men, we give thanks to God the Father once again; for shelter in winter, for the thaw in the spring, our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord now we bring. For those we have loved who have gone on before through that shining bright celestial door; for all who shall follow in their place, we implore thy continuing saving grace.  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 717: "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: This Little Light of Mine arr. Hart Morris

\* 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: "Christus Paradox" PICARDY/ arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and our life. Alleluia!

Sylvia Dunstan

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:68-79

SERMON: "Back to the Beginning" 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 715: “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fanfare Arthur Wills
- \* Congregation stands.

*The cornucopia on the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Leon Whitfield Robertson, charter member of Lakeside, who was born on November 27, 1919, Thanksgiving Day, 97 years ago.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carrie Fussell by Jean St. Clair and family.*

#### 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 Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Georgia Morris <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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.

#### 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

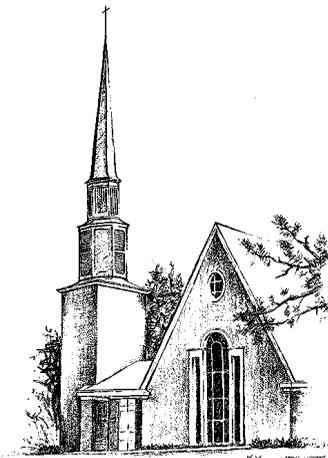
12:00 p.m. . . . Annual Church Conference  
 12:30 p.m. . . . Diaconate, Conference Room  
 5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children’s Mission Activities, Youth Choir  
 5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner for Youth and Children, Robbins Hall  
 6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Games and Activities, Children’s Choir  
 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 worshiping 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



# Worship at Lakeside

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