

The Worship of God

November 22, 2015

CHRIST THE KING 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: Meditation Theodore Bubeck/ed. Clarence Dickinson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Count Your Blessings Edwin Excell/arr. Matthew Prins

CHORAL INTROIT Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right. Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 632: "Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him with happy songs.

Minister: Acknowledge that the Lord is God. Remember that he made us and that we are his.

People: We are his people, the flock of his pasture.

Minister: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God and bless his holy name, for the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Peace" PEACE TO ZION/arr. Kevin Siegfried

Peace unto Zion. Peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

GRATITUDE LEADS TO GENEROSITY

We are each asked to come forward to place our giving plan cards before the altar. During the hymn, please come down the center aisle, place your pledge cards in the bowl, and return to your seats by the side aisles.

THE HYMN 718: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 18:33-37

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 276: "We Gather Together" KREMSER
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Louis O'Neal

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Matthew Prins

* 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: "All Good Gifts" arr. Penny Rodriguez

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. Come, all thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home. We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good: the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but that which you desire, our humble, thankful hearts.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:16-18

SERMON: "Pennies from Heaven" 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: Chaconne Louis Couperin

* 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, 96 years ago.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Connor Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Interim Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Barkley Browder
Crucifer

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*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 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.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children’s Church with Greyson Tillman 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.

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

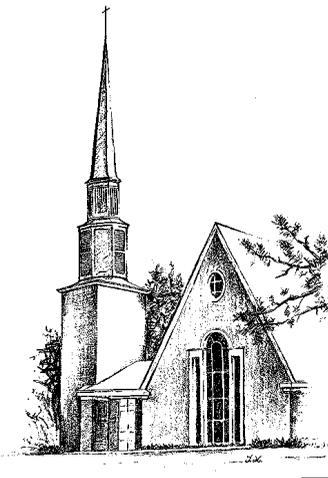
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities; Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children’s Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Depart for the Watkins’ Home
- 7:45 p.m. Youth Return to Church

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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