

# *The Worship of God*

## DISCOVER THE JOY!

November 25, 2012

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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Praeludium in E<sup>b</sup> J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Thanks Be to Thee G.F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

\* 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: God is in this place. This sanctuary is a symbol of his creative power working among us. Through these windows the clean white light of his Holy Spirit diffuses to glowing color, reminding us of his infinite mercy and grace.

**People: Strength and wisdom are in these walls; they rest on the cornerstone of our love for his blessed Son, Jesus Christ!**

Minister: Enter in reverence. This is a house of communion and prayer. All earthly din, struggle and tension shall yield to quietness and peace.

**People: We shall find guidance and we shall know the wonder of God's eternal truth proclaimed in word and in song.**

Minister: God hears our voices, our offerings of love in song; for the noblest music of all belongs to him!

**People: We come to learn friendship and understanding, and to follow Jesus, our dear Savior and friend.**

Minister: God is in this place. He calls us, he calls us to serve a world outside. Strong in hope, renewed in faith, we shall strive to build Christ's kingdom here on earth.

**People: Let our song of praise resound!** *Mary E. Caldwell*

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Aaron Copland

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving is born of our loving our friends and our labor. The promise of growing with faith and with knowing is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor. The promise of living, the promise of growing, is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

### REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

THE JOY OF OUR GIVING

THE JOY OF OUR COMMITMENT

*We are each asked to come forward to place our pledge cards before the altar.*

*Following the choir, please come down the center aisle, place your pledge cards in the bowl, and return to your seats by the side aisles.*

THE HYMN: "I Come with Joy" *Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Charles H. Webb*  
*The text is hymn 420.*

### MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 126

ANTHEM: "Come to Zion" arr. Kevin Siegfried  
Come to Zion, sinsick souls in sorrow bound. Lay your cares upon the altar where true healing may be found. Shout Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise resounds o'er land and sea. All who will may come and share the glories of this jubilee.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 695: "God of the Fertile Fields" ITALIAN HYMN

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Paul A. McKlveen

\* 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!**

*We give thanks for our ministry which proclaims Christ and reaches around the world with God's love.  
A young person brings forward a cross and places it on the altar.*

### PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten" Shaker Hymn arr. William Hawley  
Not one sparrow is forgotten, e'en the raven God will feed; and the lily of the valley from his bounty hath its need. Then shall I not trust thee, Father, in thy mercy have a share? And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit thy protecting care?

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON: "Discover the Joy of Giving that Lasts" 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: Now Thank We All Our God Siegfried Karg-Elert

\* Congregation stands.

*The cornucopia on the altar was prepared by our Flower Committee.  
It is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the goodness of life God provides for us all.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Sara Raper  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Ben Winstead  
*Crucifer*

*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.

**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.

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Because of a tie in our voting for Deacons last Sunday, we will hold a brief church conference immediately following worship for the purpose of electing one Deacon.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

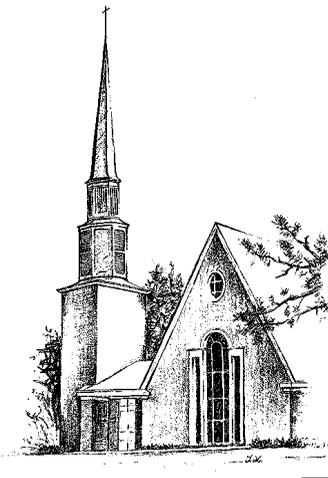
- 2:00 p.m. . . . . Chrismon Tree Decorating, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. . . . . Preschool and Children's Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. . . . . Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. . . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. . . . . SNL for Youth

**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.



*Worship  
at  
Lakeside*

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