

The Worship of God

November 26, 2017

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: Fanfare

John Cook

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante con Spiritu

S. Bath

CHORAL INTROIT

John Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 91: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.) CORONATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy Berry

Minister: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Minister: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

* 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.

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

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: "Lift Your Voice in Praise and Thanksgiving" G.F. Handel/arr. Brad Holmes

Lift your voice in praise and thanksgiving and join the throng keeping holy on this holy day.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 717: "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

* THE DOXOLOGY

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**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: "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

SERMON: "Don't Forget" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal; thus, our only and proper response is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given each of us:

We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unflinching loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;

We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;

We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the "hands of God."

We love God with our souls, rejoicing in the uniqueness he has created in us, honest about who we are, anticipating who we are yet to become.

We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another's needs.

By our faith, by our attitudes, and through our actions we fulfill the great imperative of our Lord: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."

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: Toccata in G

Johann Krieger

* 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, 98 years ago.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Will Robillard
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
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 Brenda Cotton 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.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Having approved our Ministry Plan for 2018 on last Sunday, today we bring our Giving Plan cards and offer them in an act of commitment to our shared ministry. Additional Giving Plan cards are available from the ushers.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

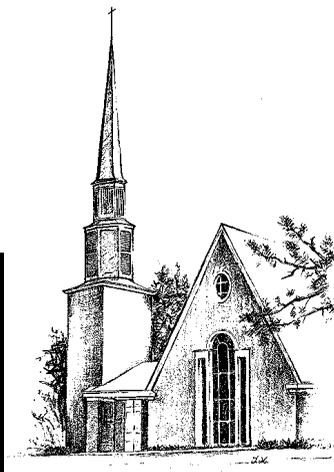
- 2:00 p.m. Chrismon Tree Decorating
- 5:00 p.m. Jingle Mingle Community Youth Party, Robbins Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities, Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Supper and Christmas Party for Preschool and Children, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers Dismiss
- 7:15 p.m. Children 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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