

# The Worship of God

## Christmas Reflections

December 7, 2014

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ and offers 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 guests and share your friendship with those around you.

### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: How Brightly Beams the Morningstar Dietrich Buxtehude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: In Dulci Jubilo Marcel Dupré

CHORAL INTROIT J.S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light and usher in the morning; ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

\* PROCESSIONAL CAROL 155: "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Hear the angels sing the wondrous news:

**People: God's love is poured out for all the world—Christ the Savior is born!**

Minister: The trembling shepherds bow in humble response,

**People: Called in faith to worship him.**

Minister: Compelled by love to praise and adoration,

**People: Let us join the chorus of all heaven and earth to welcome the Christ child!**

\* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Cassandra and Jerry Baker

\* THE GLORIA PATRI REGENT SQUARE

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,**

**Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.**

**Come and worship, come and worship, Light of light: our Star, our Sun.**

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

### A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S ADVENT

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-14

HOMILY "Reflections of Love: The Shepherds" Dr. Wright

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming John Leavitt  
*(All loose offerings today will be used in support of our guest musicians.)*

\* THE DOXOLOGY GREENSLEEVES

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:**

**Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Oratorio De Noël, Op. 12  
Camille Saint-Saëns

1. Prelude

2. Recitativ and chorus

Et pastores erant, in regione eadem vigilantes, et custodientes vigiliis noctis super gregem suum. Et ecce Angelus Domini stetit juxta illos, et claritas Dei circumfulsit illos, et timuerunt timore magno. Et dixit illis angelus: Nolite timere! Ecce enim evangelio vobis gaudium magnum, quot erit omni populo: quia natus est vobis hodie Christus Dominus in civitate David. Et hoc vobis signum: Invenietis infantem pannis involutum, et positum in praeseptio. Et subito facta est cum Angelo multitudo militae coelestis, laudantium Deum, et dicentium: Gloria in altissimis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

3. Aria

Expectans expectavi Dominum; et intendit mihi.

4. Aria & chorus

Domine, ego credidi, quia tu es Christus, filius Dei visi. Qui in nunc mundum venisti.

5. Duo

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini! Deus Dominus, et illuxit nobis. Deus meus es tu, et confitebor tibi. Deus meus es tu, et exaltabo te.

6. Chorus

Quare fremuerunt gentes? Et populi meditati sunt inania? Gloria Patri, gloria Filio, gloria Spiritui Sancto! Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

7. Trio

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuae. Tecum principium in splendoribus Sanctorum.

8. Quartet

Alleluja. Laudate, coeli, et exulta, terra, quia consolatus est Dominus populum suum; et pauperum suorum miserebitur.

9. Quintet & chorus

Consurge, Filia Sion. Alleluja. Lauda in nocte, in principio vigiliarum. alleluja. Egredietur ut splendor justus Sion, et Salvator ejus ut lampas accendatur. Alleluja.

And in the same region there were shepherds keeping vigil and watching their flocks by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood beside them, and the glory of God shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them: Be not afraid! For behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which will be for all people; for to you is born today Christ the Lord in the City of David. And this shall be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill. (Luke 2: 8-14)

Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! he heard my cry. (Psalm 40:1)

In my heart I believe, O Lord, that thou indeed art Christ, Son of the living God, who has come into this world. (John 11:27)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has given us light. You are my God, and I shall trust in you. You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Matthew 21:9; Psalms 118:26-28)

Why do the heathens rage? and the people think vain thoughts? Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Psalms 2:1; old church hymn.)

With you is sovereignty in the splendor of holiness on the day of your birth. (Psalm 110:3)

Alleluia, you heavens sing praises, be joyful, O earth. For the Lord has comforted his people and will have mercy on his poor. (Isaiah 49:13)

Rise, you daughter of Zion. Hallelujah. Praise at night, at the beginning of the night watch. Hallelujah. May the Righteous One go out from Zion in splendor, may its Savior shine like a lamp. Hallelujah. (Psalms 119:148, 37:6)

10. Chorus  
Tollite hostias, et adorare Dominum in atrio sancto  
ejus. Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra a facie Domini,  
quoniam venit. Alleluja.

Bring offerings and worship the Lord in his holy  
habitation. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth  
exult in the presence of the Lord, for he has come.  
Hallelujah. (Psalm 96:8-13)

#### AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**When beloved songs replay the story of Jesus' birth,  
May we reflect with our lives Christ's coming to our world.**

**When familiar scriptures retell the promise of the Messiah,  
May we reflect with our lives Christ's coming to our world.**

**When daily prayers call out for comfort and hope,  
May we reflect with our lives Christ's coming to our world.**

**When giving and receiving bring excitement and gratitude,  
May we reflect with our lives Christ's coming to our world.**

**When Christmas offers opportunity to reflect on all God has done for us,  
May we reflect with our lives Christ's coming to our world. Amen.**

#### THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL CAROL 148: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* Andrew Carter

\* Congregation stands.

*The poinsettias and wreaths that adorn the sanctuary and the doors of the church  
are given to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones.  
Memorial brochures listing these gifts are available in the narthex.*

#### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Dalton Jordan  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Jacob Watkins  
*Crucifer*

#### 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 or members.



# Advent at Lakeside

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