

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)

Patently 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)

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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