December 18, 2016

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel Hendrik Andriessen

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Interlude on the Coventry Carol W.S. Lloyd-Webber

CHORAL INTROIT: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Michael Praetorius/arr. David Shand

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PROCESSIONAL CAROL 149: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” R. L. Pearsall

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THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON: “Completely Forever: Peace, God’s Highest Glory” Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that when we open our hearts and lives to Immanuel, God-with-us, 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 CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL CAROL 135: “Blessed Be the God of Israel” Merle’s Tune

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
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. 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.

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.

The season of Advent is a time of preparation when we celebrate the coming of Christ as a babe many years ago and anticipate his return sometime in our future. The theme of our Advent worship this year is “Completely Forever: Changed by the Coming of Christ.” The paraments on the pulpit and lectern, along with the ministers’ stoles, provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the season is purple, used to indicate royalty and suffering alike, a reminder of Christ’s kingship and the suffering he endured for us all. The symbol is comprised of the two Greek letters, chi and rho, the first two letters in the Greek word Christos, meaning Christ. 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. Similarly, we begin and end our worship following the cross as a symbol of God’s self-giving love for us all.

SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHTING

December 18  6:00 p.m.  Harp Prelude beginning at 5:40 p.m.
A service of lessons and carols celebrating the birth of Christ
Adult, Youth and Children’s Choirs, Adult Handbell Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

December 24  6:00 p.m.
“Completely Forever: Changed by the Coming of Christ”
Chris Ellis, violinist
LakesideSoloists: Sue Cataline, Maggie and Elizabeth Paszek, Amy Shortt

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