

The Worship of God

Perfect Peace in an Imperfect World

December 22, 2013

THE FOURTH 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. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Wake, Awake for the Night Is Flying
People, Look East!

Robert A. Hobby
Kristina Langlois

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

FLUTE MEDITATION: What Child Is This?

arr. Brent Olstad

Elizabeth Edwards and Kathy Manning, flutes

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 124: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 52:7-10

Minister: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

People: Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy.

Minister: Break forth into singing, O Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed you.

People: All the earth shall see the salvation of our God!

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Amy and David Green

* THE GLORIA PATRI

ADESTE FIDELES

**Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Praise we the Trinity – Three in one;
Sing alleluia! Welcome the Messiah; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Old German Tune, arr. R. L. Pearsall

O Jesu parvule! I yearn for thee alway! Hear me, I beseech thee, O Puer optime! My prayer let it reach thee, O Princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te!

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

SOLO: "Star Shine Bright"

Jeff Miller

Star shine bright, guiding light, leading to this wondrous sight, Wise Men three, come to see Jesus in a manger. Star of heaven light the way, on this first of Advent days, shining star, from afar, leading to the Baby. Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright. Shepherds, we, come to see Jesus in a manger. In a stable, manger bed, baby Jesus lays his head. Faithful star, from afar, shine your light on Bethlehem today. Shine your light for all the world tonight.

Madi Adkins, soloist

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* CAROL 163: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY:

* THE DOXOLOGY

THE FIRST NOEL

**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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

German Carol/arr. John Kingsbury

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, I shall rock this child divine; God shall reward thee with peace sublime in Paradise, so says the Virgin Mother. Mary, dear one, lady bright, glad I cradle this child tonight, glad I welcome the heav'nly light of Paradise; he sings the Virgin Mother. *To us he cometh on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, all lowly born; hail him Savior and to him pray this happy morn. Jesu, Jesu, loose us, save us, free us, gentle Jesu.* Peace, good-will, he brings to all, blessings from heaven to great and small; blessings on those who on him call, who lowly lies beside the Virgin Mother. Gladly come and kneel to him, humbly come and pray to him, joyful come and bow to him, that's born for us of Mary, Virgin Mother.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON: "From Fear to Faith"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that when angry words inflict bruised feelings,
When broken promises result in broken hearts,
And when pride blocks reconciliation,
Love comes home at Christmas.**

**We believe that when poor choices yield unpleasant results,
When failure and defeat shadow our every move,
And when the future appears bleak and unkind,
Hope comes home at Christmas.**

**We believe that when sorrow absorbs all of the happiness from life,
When living is a chore with no pleasant reward,
And when laughter is a gift we have all but forgotten,
Joy comes home at Christmas.**

**We believe that when discord becomes the melody of our days,
When anxiety stalks us, stealing our sleep at night,
And when war is the pattern of all human interaction,
Peace comes home at Christmas.**

**We believe that when we no longer know who we are,
When we do not feel at home in familiar places,
And when our spirits cry out to God for help,
Christ comes home at Christmas. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL CAROL 149: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Regent Square

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

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* ORGAN POSTLUDE:

* 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
Connor Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Georgia Morris
Crucifer

Lakeside website: lakesidechurchrmt.org
Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker 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.

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.

Christmas Caroling

December 22 - 5 o'clock p.m.

Taking the music of the season to our members at home followed by a time of food and fellowship in Kincheloe Hall.

Christmas Eve Communion

December 24 - 6 o'clock p.m.

Lakeside Soloists: Eliza Craig Parker, Ann Sawyer, Amy Shortt

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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