

The Worship of God

December 30, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Keith Chapman

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Chorale Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo*

Johann Michael Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. John L. Bell

He came down that we may have hope. Hallelujah forevermore.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 148: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

ADESTE FIDELES

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheila Whitley

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: Mary cradles her newborn son with a mother's love,

People: Pondering the mystery of this holy moment.

Minister: The Wise Men follow a magnificent star,

People: Drawn by a hope they cannot explain.

Minister: Let us join the chorus of all heaven and earth in praise and adoration,

People: Compelled by love to open our hearts to welcome the Christ Child!

* THE GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

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

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Camille Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation; bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house!

Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth. Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ, we confess, O God, that had we been around that first Christmas, we might have missed it. Our daily activities of home and work, the bustle of the marketplace, and the call of friends to play might have caused us to ignore the setting of the sun and to miss the odd star that had no business being where it was. Forgive us our inattention to you and to one another. Open our eyes to the wonders around us and our hearts to the persons beside us, for they may be messengers of Christmas joy.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

Galatians 4:4-7

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

ANTHEM: "O Holy Child"

Michael Cox

Sing alleluia. O Holy Child, the Blessed One. Child of God, a little Son. The Seed of Hope 'til now unborn, as tiny blossom greets the morn. Sing alleluia. Who knows the fate of such a flow'r to be cut down in fullest hour? Rejoice today this blessed morn, for fragrant bud of hope just born. Sing alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 162: "What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Go, Tell It On the Mountain arr. Dale Wood

* 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: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J.S. Bach

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-18

HOMILY: "Hope Breaks In" Rev. Edwards

* HYMN 167: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who created not only the grand and intricate systems of the universe, but also the simple and mundane elements of life. We believe in the God who stands not only outside of time and space, but who stands with us in this immediate time and this particular place. We believe in the God who is not only Lord of heaven and earth, but who also came as a babe to experience the life we live. We believe in the God who is extraordinary in every aspect, especially in the ordinary ways he enters our lives. Blessed be the God of Life.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 143: "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The white poinsettias on the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Nancy Henry and Webster Henry by Marshall and Gayle Henry.*

*We are grateful for the Memorial Poinsettias that adorn the sanctuary,
remembrances of those persons who have filled our lives with love and joy.
You may take your poinsettias following the service today.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Jim Wiggs
Guest Conductor
Elizabeth Goldstein
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Chase Joyner
Crucifer

*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.
Wireless hearing aids are available in 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 Christmas season is white, symbolic of purity and light. The Celtic Cross with its circle reminds us of the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life. In the same way, we begin our worship following the cross as a symbol of God's self-giving love for us.

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.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE

Several large print hymnals are available for the convenience of any worshipers who have trouble reading the pew hymnals. Please ask an usher for a copy 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.

YEAR END GIVING

With your continued generosity and abundant support of our ministry, we will meet our budget obligations this year. If you have not yet completed your giving for the year, please do so as soon as possible. If you are able, consider an additional gift before the end of the year. All financial gifts must be received by noon on December 31 to be counted toward this year's giving.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no evening activities tonight. The church office will be closed Tuesday, January 1.

*The artwork on the cover is "The Annunciation,"
by Jacopo Tintoretto, 1583-87, Scuola Grande di San Rocco, Venice.*

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.

Christmas at Lakeside



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