

The Worship of God

The Life Worth Living

January 28, 2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Durezza und Fuge

Johann Krieger

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Melody in D

Charles Darnton

CHORAL INTROIT

William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine

Not unto us, O Lord,

non nobis,

not to us,

sed nomini tu o da gloriam,

but unto thy name be the glory.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 95: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Welcome to this place where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side;

People: Where heaven and earth embrace in peace; where God has been, is, and always will be.

Minister: Welcome to this place where we gather with all of God's children and find God's love;

People: Where we hear the tender voice of Jesus; where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Minister: Welcome to this place where God provides all; where we bring our hunger, and find food;

People: Where we bring our brokenness, and find healing; where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

All: Welcome to this place where our lives are washed by the grace of God.

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* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Thy Will, Thy Way"

R.J. Fryson

Lord, I'm learning to love thy way. For with thy way, I cannot stray. Lord, continue to discipline me.

Thy will, thy way. Nothing else matters but that thy will be done. Thy will, thy way.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purposes.

I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

I gave you a small part that I might not get "too involved."

Lord, forgive me for serving you only when it is convenient and safe. Renew me and send me out as a usable instrument, taking seriously the meaning of your cross.

Joe Seramane, from the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:6-8

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Heather Sorenson

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. You shine in the night. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, my treasure thou art. Blessed Redeemer, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, still be my light, and you will still be my vision, shine in the night. Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all. Be thou my Light when I walk through the night.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 365: "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

BEACH SPRING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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

This morning we give thanks for the City Lake Neighborhood and for the people who live here as our neighbors. The Acolyte brings forward the neighborhood logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising"

arr. Dan Forrester

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:7-20

SERMON: "What Should We Do?"

Dr. Powery

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jerry Baker

We believe in God, the Creator of the universe, the Redeemer of humankind, and the Sustainer of life. We believe in humanity, dust of the earth, made in God's image, driven by dreams, hungry for faith, lonely with doubt, whom God has marked with the power to love or hate, to nurture or kill, and to bless or curse. We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, who came to reveal what God is like, and what we can become. We believe that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, and that through his victory over sin, death, and the grave we too shall live, and never die. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Tuba Tune in D C.S. Lang
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eddie Evans (January 30, 1962 - February 3, 2004) by his parents, Billie and Don Stallings.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Chase Joyner <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Sara Raper <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

*Children’s worship aids are available in the narthex.
Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off 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 season after the Epiphany is green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ.

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.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

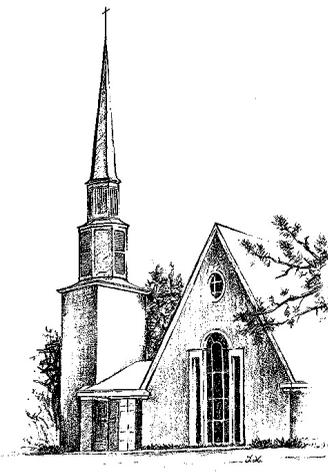
5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
 5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime and Children’s Missions Activities
 7:00 p.m. Turnage Series Presentation by Dr. Powery, Sanctuary
 Reception following in Robbins Hall

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.



Worship at Lakeside

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