



Connecting all to Christ to become
healthy in God and courageous in love.

THAT'S GOOD NEWS

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Traditional Worship - January 28, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - David Morgan

Prelude *The King of My Love, My Shepherd Is* Cherwien

*Call to Worship 8:30 - Lisa Swanigan
11:00 - Wrenn Nicodemo

Leader: We come here drawn by the power of God's love.

People: We have come to hear the Good News.

Leader: We are thankful for the words of Jesus and remember how he said,

People: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and neither let them be afraid."

All: This is the peace we live in and the promise we celebrate here in this time of worship.

*Hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 1-4) #1

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Lisa Swanigan
11:00 - Dr. Gary George

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem
8:30 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Fettke
Sanctuary Choir
11:00 *Take Me to Higher Ground* Strommen
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-4 pg. 882

Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God, who promises to be with us always, in all our seasons of life. We believe God wants to fill us with power so we may be witnesses to all the ends of the earth. We believe in the risen Christ, who shows that God’s love is stronger than our fears, more enduring than our worries and deeper than our despair. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the hidden power of God, working for good, bringing hope, encouraging justice, building peace, promoting healing, creating joy. We believe God is at work in us and in this community of prayers and doers.

Offering our Gifts to God
In Peace and Joy
Bells of the Lakes
Allured

***Response in Song** (11:00 only)
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
#682
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (11:00 only)

***Hymn** (11:00 only) Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1) #311

Good News Video Royal Family Kids Camp

Scripture Acts 2:41-47 pg. 883

Message **The Power**
That’s Good News Pastor Bryan George

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #361

***Benediction**

Postlude *They’ll Know We Are Christians* Held

*Those who are able, please stand
Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Organist/Accompanist - Jimmy Oakley

Altar Flowers: Given by Bill & Lucy Woods
in celebration of their 57th anniversary
Acolytes: Elliana Lokie & Samuel DelCorso

Sermon Outline

Focus: The good news of Jesus is that we don't travel alone in the journey through life. The Holy Spirit comes alongside with power and guidance through the fellowship of believers

I) A chapel in a penal colony in Port Arthur, Tasmania

50 mini cubicles where the prisoners could not see or communicate with one another
No possibility to experience the Good News of the "one another" way

II) Acts 2: The power of the Holy Spirit bringing diverse people together

Aftermath of Peter sharing the Good News of Jesus

Every different class, ethnicity, and age were present

The catalyst was not the eloquent preaching but the presence of the Holy Spirit

III) Seven Characteristics of the Spirit filled Church

Wonder (v.43) *Awe came upon everyone*

Detecting the PING moments (Power In Noticing God)

Miracles (v.43) *many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*

We don't see miracles until you pray and believe in supernatural power

Fellowship (v.44) *All who believed were together*

Living out the "one another" way: love, forgive, accept, teach, comfort, serve

Generosity (v.45) *they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need*

Worship (v.46) *Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple...praising God*

Offering praise heals, restores, renews, revives and empowers

Good Reputation (v.47) *having the goodwill of all the people*

No need for guilt trips as no one could stop people from gathering

Growth (v.47) *day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

In the span of a fifty years, spread throughout the empire

IV) The blessings of A Holy Spirit filled community

Norris: *"A church provides the time and space for people to gather to meet a God who has promised to be there. People are encouraged to sing, whether they can or not. And they receive a blessing, just for showing up."*

Fred Craddock's father

"Just another name, another pledge"

"I was wrong"

Showing up at a nursing home to find the ministers were already there

January Missional Measure:
Did I see every person as a Child of God today?

Contemporary Worship - January 28, 2024 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

*Battle Belongs
Do It Again*

Welcome

Matt Ritzert

Worship Song & Offering
Prayer

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Joe Ross

Good News Moment

Royal Family Kids Camp

Scriptures

Acts 7:54-8:4

Message

The Power

Closing Song

That's Good News
How Great is Our God

Pastor Jared Priset

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: In the account of Stephen, we see an “ordinary” man share the gospel and make a tremendous impact, just by allowing God to use him, being Christ to others, by relying on the Holy Spirit. We must remember that ultimately, our calling as Christians is to spread the gospel to all who will hear it.

I. Sharing the good news – a calling?

Matthew 4:19 “Follow me and I will make you a fisher of people.”

When we accepted Jesus, we accepted a call to missions

CJ Stroud

II. Acts 6 – Stephen

“Ordinary guy” – food ministry

“But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which (this ordinary man) was speaking.” (vs. 10)

And all *except* the apostles...

III. Four convictions

1. God wants to use me

“Some brothers moved to Antioch and the hand of the LORD was on them and they planted a church in Antioch.” (Acts 11)

2. The Holy Spirit fills me

John 16:7; Luke 24:48-49; Acts 1:8

Ordinary people, filled with the Spirit, walking in obedience

Availability is more important than Ability

3. As Jesus was to me, so I will be to others

Sacrificing ourselves, just as Stephen did

4. Jesus is worth it

Living life on mission for God

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Church News

Child Care Center Fall Registration

Church of the Lakes members have the opportunity to register for the Child Care Center early. To get information, schedule a tour, or register call the child care office, 330-499-0500 before *January 30th* (when open registration begins).

Lil Lambs Closet

Our Spring/Summer Consignment Sale will be on **Friday, March 8th**, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and **Saturday, March 9th**, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Visit cotl-lillambscloset.com to register to sell.

Explore

Women's Bible Study - Experiencing God

All women are invited to join a 12-week Bible Study beginning **Monday, February 12th** about knowing and doing God's will entitled "Experiencing God". This Women's Bible study will be offered at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm and at the Moms on the Move Bible study at 10:00 am.

God is inviting you into an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work. When you recognize where God is working, you can join Him in what He is doing. To order a Bible Study book for \$20 contact Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a life-changing support group that welcomes people and guides them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Join us for a 13-week session beginning on **Monday, January 29th**, 6:30 pm in room 108. This support group uses video-based teaching and interactive discussions to help provide comfort and hope. Cost of the workbook is \$25. Scholarships are available. Register at churchofthelakes.org/explore/healing-ministries.

Galentine's Day

Our Galentine's Day event is open to all single women. Join us for good food, games, laughter and lots of fun on **Wednesday, February 14th**, noon at Bugsy's Italian Cuisine on Hills and Dales. RSVP by *February 11th* to Sue Hoffmeyer, 330-704-1774.

GriefShare

GriefShare is designed to bring healing through Jesus Christ to anyone who has lost a loved one to death. Join us for a 13-week session beginning on **Thursday, February 15th**, 6:30 pm in room 105. Whether it was a recent loss or many years ago - grief doesn't disappear. Luckily, Jesus Christ, along with a supportive community who have "been there" can bring healing. Call or text with any questions. Cost of the workbook is \$25. Scholarships are available. Register at churchofthelakes.org/explore/healing-ministries.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the pews

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org

WE LOVE CHILDREN

Fundraiser Luncheon

All proceeds benefit Hope Bridge Ministry, a non-profit organization that helps foster children and foster families in our area.

Saturday, February 10th

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Activity Center

Pre-paid reservations required
Tickets available at the church office
Now through February 2nd

*Make checks payable to Church of the Lakes/'We Love Children'
~Child Care available if requested at registration~*

\$25 per person

includes: ♥ Live Music ♥ Catered Light Lunch ♥ Door Prizes
♥ Silent Auction ♥ Program Speaker and more!



Winter 2024

Under Construction:
Come build Christian
character with us!



JANUARY 10TH - MARCH 20TH
KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADERS

Only \$45/child if paid in full or \$5/week.

Includes dinner & activities

Scholarships are available

Register at
churchofthelakes.org

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



BLOOD DRIVE
in the ACTIVITY CENTER

Saturday, February 3rd
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org
Use Sponsor Code - ChurchOfTheLakes

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Jeff Lab, Don Pond, Lori Briggs, Rosemary Lare

Our Condolences to Naomi Wang & family on the passing of her husband, Jacob.
Our Condolences to Penney Cutler and family on the passing of her mother, Amy May.
Congratulations to Cathy Kelley on the birth of her first grandchild, Carson Kelley.
To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.