

Worship Guide

Welcome

Welcome to Lake Highlands Baptist Church! We are thrilled that you have gathered with us for worship and we hope this guide helps you better understand and participate in our service this morning. We have gathered to hear and proclaim the Gospel to one another, which is the good news that God the Father has provided a way of salvation for us through his Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that each church is free to arrange its order of worship in whatever way it believes best glorifies God, edifies the saints, and invites the lost into salvation. With much prayer and reflection, we have carefully prepared the following order of worship.

Our worship service draws on historic practices from various traditions and is arranged with God's Word at its center. Within the service, there is a repeated pattern of God speaking to us through the Word preached, read, or recited, followed by our response in singing, prayer, giving, and taking the Lord's Supper together.

We hope that you will leave this gathering today more aware of God's love for us, and more in awe of his majesty and grace. To him be all glory forever!

Sunday Schedule

Sunday

Small Groups | 9 AM Worship Gathering | 10:30 AM Prayer Meeting | 5:30 PM

Church artwork highlight: "Esther: Life between the Feasts" by Leslie Vann 36 x 36, acrylic, latex, ashes on canvas

From the artist:

I was particularly struck how Mordecai and Esther play the Jesus role of the righteous Jew who is willing to enter into his people's suffering for their salvation. I was also struck with the fact that God does allow his people to suffer, but he does not abandon them, and there is a future hope of eternal joy with him one day on the new heavens and new earth for those who place their faith in Christ.

You can view Leslie's painting in Room 114, across from the church office.

Next Sunday's sermon passage is John 1:35-51

Weekly News

Member Meeting

Our next member meeting will be this afternoon at 3:30 PM. These meetings are central to our life together, so please be sure to attend if you are a member.

All the Single Ladies

Have you ever wondered what you should be doing with your singleness? In 1 Corinthians Paul talks about the gift of singleness, but sometimes it can feel more like a lonely trial than a blessing. If you are looking for belonging, sanctification, and purpose, God provides all of those in and even through singleness (and marriage, of course, but we digress)! If you are a single woman and would like to meet with a group in which we talk about our longings, struggles, and blessings, please join our new monthly meeting for single women on the third Wednesday of each month, right after our Wednesday evening lesson. These meetings will be led by Daisy Reynolds and all single women are invited to attend. Our first meeting will be May 22 at 7 PM in the parlor. We are excited to explore together all God has for us as we walk the path he has given us, and it is a very good one! For more information, feel free to email Daisy at dreynolds@criswell.edu.

Call for Artists and Artisans

Are you an artist/artisan? Do you paint, sketch, sculpt, or carve? Do you take photographs or make prints? Do you weave, sew, spin, knit, or crochet? Do you cook, blend tea, or pour candles? Do you write music, poetry, or prose? If so, please join us for an artist show-and-tell on Wednesday, May 29 at 7 PM, directly after Dr. Creamer's lecture (location to be determined). You'll bring a sample of your work and share a little about it. Please RSVP to Donna at donna@lhbc by Thursday, May 23. Include what your art form is and what you'll be bringing. Let's celebrate the gifts God has given us!

Teen Fellowship Lunch

There will be a teen fellowship lunch following the worship gathering on Sunday, May 26. Parents, teenagers, their siblings, and teen ministry volunteers are welcome. We are looking forward to this time of fellowship!

Savanna Altman Wedding Shower

Please join us in showering Savanna Altman and David Robinson with love and blessings Sunday, May 26 at 2:30 PM in the foyer. You can find their registry at www.theknot.com/davidreallylikessavanna.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, May 28.

Blood Drive

We are hosting our quarterly community-wide blood drive Wednesday, June 5 from 3 PM-9 PM in Room 108. Sign up at carterbloodcare.org or contact Mary Ann in the church office. Appointments are strongly encouraged!

Women on Mission

Women of all ages are invited to Women on Mission's monthly meeting this Tuesday, June 11 at 10:30 AM. This is a wonderful time of fellowship, service, and learning about missions!

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal and Lesson

Every Wednesday night at 5 PM we have a freshly cooked meal together in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan on coming, please make a reservation by contacting the office by Tuesday afternoon. Beginning at 6 PM we move to the chapel to hear a lesson. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Order of Worship

Theme: God Unifies Us

Moment of Silence

Please use this moment of silence to prepare your heart for worship.

Call to Worship

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Bill Watson

Hymn

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms/I Love You Lord

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

Doxology

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 Confession

Psalm 130:1–6 Pastor Bill Watson

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Hymn Psalm 130

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor John Wiley

This week we are praying for the following needs:

- For our church, that we would be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
- For the universal church, its members, and its mission, especially East Lake Fellowship
- For the persecuted church, especially Reverend Gebremedhin Gebregergis of Eritrea
- For those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially members of the Dallas City Council
- For those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity within our community, especially those who lack access to adequate healthcare within our local community

Offering/Hymn

Christian Hearts in Love United

Sermon

Philippians 2:19–30 Pastor Noah LaHaye

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Communion/Hymn

Pastor Winston Hottman

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

O Church Arise

Benediction

Pastor Bryan Cortimilia

Sermon Notes

To access sermon recordings, go to the "Sermons" page on our website at www.lhbc.com/sermons.

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This Week at LHBC

Sunday 5/19 Small Groups | 9 AM Worship Gathering | 10:30 AM Member Meeting | 3:30 PM Prayer Meeting | 5:30 PM

Wednesday 5/22 Fellowship Meal | 5 PM Lesson | 6 PM

Thursday 5/23 Precepts | 9:30 AM & 7 PM

Fellowship Meal Menu for May 22

Spaghetti, Sweet Peas, Salad & Garlic Toast, Cherry Crunch Cake



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