



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY**
*January 11, 2026
Eleven O'Clock A.M.*

Although Lakeside Church is Baptist by tradition and heritage, 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 and care 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 from other Christian denominations.

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. We, the 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.

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.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. Use this time for meditation and reflection and please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices.
Following worship, share your friendship with those around you.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From, "What Was Your Vow and Vision" COMPLAINER

What was your vow and vision, revealed and recognized, Christ, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized?

Brian Wren

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Meadows

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night."

People: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through our baptism.

People: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' baptism.

People: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God. *Nancy C. Townley*

* GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Grammer

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.

MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

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| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: | Isaiah 42:1-9 | Jackson Baldwin |
| The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. | | |
| CHORAL ADORATION: | “What Was Your Vow and Vision,” hymn 177, verse 3 | COMPLAINER |
| GOSPEL LESSON: | | |
| Matthew 3:13-17 | | Dr. Edwards |
| The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. | | |
| SUNG RESPONSE: | “Write These Words” | John S. Wilson |
| Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God. | | |
| PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION | | |
| * OFFERTORY HYMN 75: | “I Was There to Hear your Borning Cry” <i>(Children in grades K-5 are invited to leave for children's church during the singing of this hymn.)</i> | WATERLIFE |
| * OFFERTORY PRAYER | | Dr. Grammer |
| OFFERTORY | | Mr. Ross |
| * 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! | | |

PROCLAMATION

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| ANTHEM: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” | Claudio Monteverdi |
| O splendor of God's glory bright, O thou that bringest light from light, O Light of light, light's living spring, O day, all days illumining. Amen. | <i>St. Ambrose; tr, Robert Bridges</i> |

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| SERMON: | “Something New” | Dr. Grammer |
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SERVICE OF WATER

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| LITANY | Dr. Grammer |
| Leader: Dear friends, on this day of re-creation, we recall Christ's baptism, and we claim and remember our own. | |
| People: We gather at this font of living water to celebrate the gift of God's redeeming grace. | |
| Leader: For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. | |
| People: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female—and were all made to drink of one Spirit. | |
| Leader: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. | |

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| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Dr. Edwards |
| Leader: Do you reaffirm and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ and his kingdom? | |
| People: I do. | |
| Leader: Do you believe in God? | |
| People: I believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth. | |
| Leader: Do you trust in the Spirit of God as guide? | |
| People: I trust that God's Spirit blows where it will, inspiring many. | |
| Leader: Will you continue in the disciples' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer? | |
| People: I will, with God's help. | |

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: May it be so.

People: In this and all we do, keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING OF WATER

Dr. Grammer

Leader: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water, that by it we may be reminded of our baptism into Jesus Christ, and that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be kept faithful until you receive us at last in your eternal home.

People: Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was and is, and shall always be, Amen.

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful. *David J. Holden and Sidney D. Fowler, adapted*

Please come forward as you are able, following the choir, sanitize your hands, and dip your finger into the water and touch your forehead or hand, remembering the waters of baptism. The water will also be available as you exit the Sanctuary if you are unable to come forward at this time.

Say a prayer of thanksgiving as you return to your seat. Once the congregation has returned to their seats, we will close the service with a hymn and a benediction. We hope you feel the closeness of a God whose Spirit washes over you and know that you too are God's beloved child.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 357: "We Call Ourselves Disciples"

LANCASHIRE

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

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Dr. Grammer

* POSTLUDE

Mr. Ross

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Lisa Meadows
Minister to Children

Zack Ross
Organist

Eleanor Haley
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday in the Christian year. Epiphany (January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The Season of Epiphany continues this emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. Today specially marks the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the purity and holiness of Christ.

This Epiphany season, we journey with the prophets to shape how we understand and embrace God's light in this world. We will seek to find our place in God's plan to brighten this world, and we will encounter epiphanies about our life of faith as we journey together.

Restrooms, including a wheelchair-accessible family restroom, are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions. **Childcare** is available in the preschool building. If you have a young child who becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to utilize our **Kids' Corner** in the back of the sanctuary by the audio booth. **Children's 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 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 aides** 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.

LAKESIDE FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

UNC Health Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Jeannette Pittman, Room 216

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

Sheila Whitley, Room 211

The Carrolton of Nash, 7369 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Pat Judge, Room 809

At Home

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

Lois Creech (Doug Edwards' aunt), 320 Canal Drive, Wilson, 27893

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver St., Greenville, SC 29601

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Linda Hoyle, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

C.B. Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Grady Pittman, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Patricia Taylor (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

Barbara Valentine, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

Richard Wrenn (Chuck Taylor's brother-in-law)

Our Members-at-Home

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdale Farm Pkwy, Apt. S210, Durham, 27705

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, HeartFields at Cary, 1050 Crescent Green Dr., Cary, NC 27518

We rejoice with Matt and LeighAn Bulluck Moore in the birth of a son, Joseph Donnell, on January 5. Joey's proud grandparents are Sue and Bill Bulluck, and his very excited great-grandparents are Martha and Don Bulluck.



We want to thank everyone who offered time and talent to enrich our Advent and Christmas celebrations: the host of people who made, hung, and set up decorations; the dozens of readers and participants in worship; all of our choirs and musicians; and the many volunteers who took care of tiny details and offered hospitality in worship and other events. We are fortunate to have a generous and active congregation.

We also thank each one of you for your financial support of our ministries. Without our collective gifts, we could not do the things God calls us to do. We do not yet have a final tally of gifts for 2025, but we know that many of you gave above what you usually do. May we all experience the gift of generosity as together we minister to one another and our community this year.

Want to know more about Lakeside? Discover what else is going on through our website! Watch past worship services, read current news, register for events, discover who we are, and contribute to Lakeside. Scan the QR Code with your smart phone:

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, January 11: Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

11:20 a.m. Children's Church, *Children's Classroom*

12:15 p.m. Ministry Team Organizational Luncheon, *Robbins Hall*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities, *Youth & Music Building*

Monday, January 12

11:00 a.m. Circle 10, *Lecture Room*

Wednesday, January 14

10:30 a.m. At the Table, *Benvenue Country Club*

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

Thursday, January 15

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, *Conference Room*

Sunday, January 18

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, *Education Building*

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

4:00 p.m. Deacon Orientation & Meeting, *Conference Room*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities, *Youth & Music Building*

5:30 p.m. Deacon Banquet, *Robbins Hall*

DEACON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Join us for worship on Sunday, January 18, as we ordain Kate Barnes and Ginny Etheridge, and install Carol Barker, Sam Johnson, and Will Lucas, along with our returning deacons, for a new year of ministry together.

GET TO KNOW LAKESIDE LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for our next Get To Know Lakeside Luncheon, to be held on Sunday, February 1, following worship, in Robbins Hall. This is an excellent opportunity for new members, visitors, and anyone who would like to know more about Lakeside. After lunch, we will share information about our ministries and offer tours of the campus. Childcare is available. Please sign up by January 28.

HELP KEEP KIDS HEALTHY

We are collecting tissues, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes for the teachers at our Backpack Buddies partner school, Benvenue Elementary. Please bring donations to the church by February 1. Collection bins are located in the office hallway, Narthex, and Sugg Foyer. Thank you for your continued commitment to this important ministry partnership in our community.

