



Lakeside  
Church

*Spiritual Exercise for the Soul...*

# Season of Lent

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*March 1, 2026 at Eleven O'Clock A.M.*

### 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.*

PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "Lift Thine Eyes"

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber. Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

GOSSET-BIGGS CHORAL SCHOLARS

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 419: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Clements

Leader: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved!

**People: May the truth of this great love story shine through our worship today and renew our sense of calling.**

Leader: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations, and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings; come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

**People: We come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world, to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.**

*Ann Siddall, adapt.*

\* 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

Ms. Meadows

**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.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a Linda Graham

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ADORATION: From, "Come, Ye Sinners" RESTORATION

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you. Full of pity, love, and power.

*Joseph Hart*

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17 Mr. Mauk

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 Dr. Grammer

\* OFFERTORY HYMN 390: "Lord of Our Highest Love!" FRANCONIA

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Grammer

OFFERTORY Mr. Ross

\* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

ANTHEM: "God so Loved the World" John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

*John 3:16, 17*

SERMON: "A New Start" Dr. Grammer

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Dr. Grammer

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

*(Pause for silent confession.)*

*Nancy C. Townley*

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

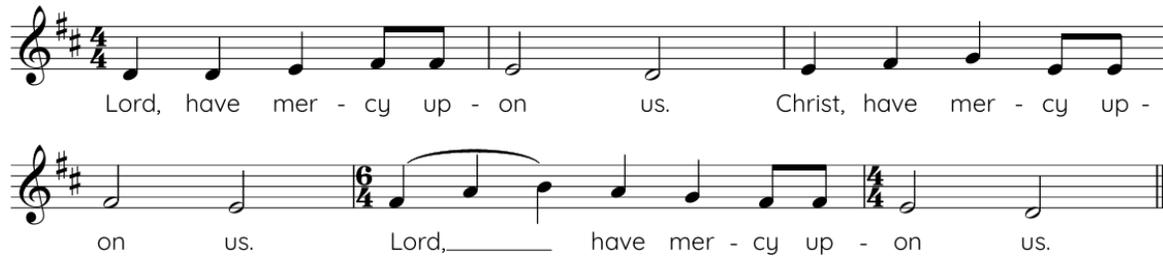
*Apostles' Creed*

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\* BENEDICTION Dr. Grammer

\* SUNG RESPONSE From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan, adapt.



\* POSTLUDE Mr. Ross

*As is our custom when we celebrate Holy Communion, we will receive a benevolence offering for local crisis ministries. Offerings may be placed in the RainBowls located in the narthex and the hallway.*

### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	James Mauk <i>Minister of Music</i>
Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i>	Zack Ross <i>Organist</i>	Matthew Paszek <i>Acolyte</i>

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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**Today is the Second Sunday in Lent.** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The color of the season is purple, used to indicate royalty and suffering alike, a reminder of Christ's kingship and the suffering he endured for us all. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal.

**Lenten Series: Spiritual Exercise for the Soul** – Just as we care for our physical bodies through exercise or our minds through training, so too should we care for our souls through spiritual exercise. During Lent this year, let us push ourselves to reach beyond our own schedules and to-do lists and embrace this season of introspection to discern what God has in store for us as we allow God to renew us in preparation for the celebration of Easter Resurrection. On the altar are symbols of some of the classical disciplines that have guided the Christian faith: Bible study, prayer, worship, meditation, and service.

**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. **We are grateful for our choral scholars**, Jackson Baldwin, Allison Benoit, Rebecca Blackwell, Esther Keller, and Jacob McCain, who enrich our music ministry in many ways. Choral Scholars and guest singers are supported by the **Gossett-Biggs Music Fund**. Anyone interested in supporting the fund is invited to designate a contribution.

# Lakeside Fellowship and Ministry

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

**Pat Judge**, Room 614, Hospice Care

### At Home

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

**Robyn Edwards Chapman** (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

**Bob Davis** (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

**Michelle Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Charlotte Gilliam**, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

**Ethel Hines**, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

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

**Jeannette and Grady Pittman**, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

**Cornelia Singletary**, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

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

### Our Members-at-Home

**Martha Bulluck**, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue, Room 208 (03)

**John Capiello**, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr.,  
Room 534, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

**Daisy Howell**, The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Drive,  
Room 512 (04)

*Lakeside Family,*

*Thank you for your generous donation of classroom supplies. They were much needed and greatly appreciated. We love when we receive support from our community.*  
*Benvenue Staff*

## LAKESIDE YOUTH CASSEROLE SALE & YARD SALE

**Saturday, March 7 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Please plan to come out to shop to support our youth as they raise money for the Lakeside Youth trip fund and help us spread the word!

### VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED:

Our Youth Casserole & Yard Sale is coming up on Saturday, March 7, and we need your help! Throughout next week, we will be receiving, sorting, and tagging donations in Robbins Hall. If you are available to volunteer during daytime or evening hours, please contact Jennifer Cobb or Elizabeth Edwards with your availability. We will also need some folks with trucks or trailers to help pick up large items. Of course, we also need your donations! Casseroles, soups, baked goods, chili, and sauces will be sold at the Casserole Sale. Please sign up for food donations in the Narthex.

### Donations can be dropped off during the times listed below:

Yard sale donations can be dropped off in Robbins Hall. Remember: No adult clothing or shoes. No books except cookbooks and kids' books. The preferred times are Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can also drop off items earlier in the week during office hours if needed. Please call ahead to the church office to let us know you're coming.

Casserole sale donations that are frozen can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday, March 2 through March 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fresh items can be dropped off on Friday, March 6, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in Robbins Hall.

### ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Join us each Wednesday at noon during the season of Lent for worship and lunch as Lakeside and our sister churches come together to journey toward the cross. Our second Lenten service will be held Wednesday, March 4, at Englewood United Methodist Church with our own Libby Grammer preaching.

## THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

### Sunday, March 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion, *Papa Cibo's*

5:00 p.m. Preschool & Children's Activities,  
*Music & Youth Suites*

### NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday, March 3

4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ladies Book Club, *Parlor*

7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, *via Zoom*

### Wednesday, March 4

10:30 a.m. Dove Notes, *Godwin Library*

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship & Lunch,  
*Englewood United Methodist Church*

4:00 p.m. Turnage Lecture Series Committee,  
*Conference Room*

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

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

7:00 p.m. Navigating GriefLand, *Parlor*

### Thursday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Needles & Prayers, *Parlor*

### Saturday, March 7

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Youth Casserole & Yard Sale,  
*Education Building*

### Sunday, March 8: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

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

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

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

12:15 p.m. Get to Know Lakeside Luncheon,  
*Robbins Hall*

2:00 p.m. Missions Committee, *Conference Room*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Youth, & Children's  
Activities, *Music & Youth Suites*

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Following the theme of "Spiritual Exercise for the Soul," we would like your help in providing devotions to share with the congregation during the season of Lent. These devotions may be written reflections, poetry, quotes, music, art, and more. They may explore a particular spiritual discipline or practice that has been meaningful to you or may be helpful for others to develop spiritual exercises in their lives. Send your submissions to Elizabeth or the church office.

## LAKESIDE LABYRINTH & PRAYER GARDEN

During these lengthening days of Lent, we hope you will take advantage of our beautiful Labyrinth & Prayer Garden for prayer and reflection. You will find prayer guides and Bibles in the literature stand beside the Labyrinth. Spend time walking in prayer and centering your soul this season. We are grateful for this gift from Trevor and Cam Graham that continues to bless and beautify Lakeside.