



Lakeside
Church

Spiritual Exercise for the Soul...

Season of Lent

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 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: Meditation on "Were You There?" (Hymn 198)

LAKESIDE RINGERS

Douglas E. Wagner

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From, "Wade in the Water"

African-American Spiritual

Wade in the water, children. God's a-going to trouble the water.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 272: "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Lucas

Leader: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

People: We have drawn deeply of those waters.

Leader: We come to the well of anger and hate.

People: These waters flourish in all the land.

Leader: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

People: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation.

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.

** Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Edwards

Leader: God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

People: So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?

Leader: You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

People: But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.

We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.

Leader: You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

**People: But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant,
and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

Leader: For all the times we turn away from your Water,
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,

People: Forgive us we pray.

(Pause for silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Leader: The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope,
to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life.

Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life.

People: Thanks and praise to God. Amen.

Rev. Gord Waldie

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 17:1-7

Ginny Etheridge

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

CHORAL ADORATION: From, "Wind upon the Waters," Hymn 247, Verse 1

Marty Haugen

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 4:5-42

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

Dr. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 73: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

WELLESLEY

(Children in grades K-5 are invited to depart for Children's Church during the singing of this hymn.)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Mauk

OFFERTORY: *Prayer*

Arnold B. Sherman

LAKESIDE RINGERS

* 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: "Wildsbok (As the Deer)"

arr. Renette Bouwer

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longs after thee. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee. You alone are my strength and shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.

SERMON:

"Drinking Deeply"

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

We believe that Christ came to engage us in conversation, to hear our questions, and to offer us living water. We accept this water, just as the Samaritan woman at the well, so that our spirits may not thirst again. We receive Christ’s message as we drink deeply, and in turn, we take it to share with our community, our country, and our world.

Inspired by John 4

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 16: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

(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

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

Mary Douglas Robillard
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir
The Lakeside Ringers

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Today is the Third 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:

Spring Arbor Senior Living, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03)

Elwood Berry, Room 206 (Hospice Care)

At Home:

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

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Road, Apt. C406, Apex, NC 27523

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

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (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)

Betsy Waters, 401 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Room 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Our Members at Home:

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Ester McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650 Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

David Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

Sheila Whitley, Breckenridge, 2500 Hunter Hill Road, Room 156 (04)

We extend our Christian sympathy to Linda and Dan Davis and their family in the death of Linda's aunt, Pat Judge, on February 27. A service celebrating her life was held at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 6, at 12:00 noon.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, March 8: 3rd Sunday in Lent

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*

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee, *Conference Room*

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

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 a.m. At the Table, *Parlor*

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship & Lunch, *Lakeside Church Sanctuary*

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 12

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

Sunday, March 15: 4th 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*

12:15 p.m. Diaconate, *Conference Room*

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

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 third Lenten service will be held Wednesday, March 11, here at Lakeside with the Rev. Jacob Kennedy, Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, preaching.

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of donations to refresh our toys in the nursery and Kids' Corner. If your children or grandchildren have gently used, hard plastic or painted wooden toys that they have outgrown, we will put them to good use.

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.

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF N.C. ANNUAL GATHERING:

"FREE TOGETHER"

MARCH 19-20

Lakeside members are invited to the CBFNC annual gathering at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh where, alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, we will celebrate and explore our intentional calling of being "Free Together" over the course of two days. Come experience the joy of connection and belonging as we worship, learn, share stories and celebrate together about how God is at work in our churches and communities across the state.

Register here: <https://cbfnc.org/annualgathering>

