



Lakeside
Church

Spiritual Exercise for the Soul...

Season of Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From, "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

Psalm 51:10a

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288: "O God of Vision"

LOBE DEN HERREN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ginger Maynard

Leader: Once lost in darkness,

People: We now live in the light.

Leader: Once blinded by earthly perceptions,

People: We now see with the eyes of Christ's love.

Leader: Once limited by human perceptions,

**People: We now embrace the power of God's Spirit
to bring God's realm here on earth.**

Mary Scifres

* 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. Edwards

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 AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Sharon McCard

(Pause for silent confession.)

MEDITATION AND PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 16:1-13 Mr. Ross

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

CHORAL ADORATION: From, "Lord, Send Thy Light" Michael Burkhardt

Lord, send thy light, send forth thy truth, let them be guides to me.

Psalm 43:3

GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41 William Underwood

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 586: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Edwards

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: "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10-13

SERMON: "Seeing Well" Dr. Grammer

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that in the light of Christ, we can see clearly. We see and trust how much God loves and values each person. We see and experience Christ, the Light of the World, revealed to us in Scripture and in life. And though we were once blind, now we see!

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 503: "O Christ, the Healer" ROCKINGHAM

(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.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

* POSTLUDE

Mr. Ross

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister
Lisa Meadows
Minister to Children

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Zack Ross
Organist

James Mauk
Minister of Music
Dyson Ponte
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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Today is the Fourth 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, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03)

Elwood Berry, Room 206 (Hospice Care)

ECU Health Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Rd., Greenville, NC 27835

Doug Edwards, Room S127

At Home:

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

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Rd., 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 Ave., Rm. 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Our Members at Home:

Stan Ford, 700 Duck Pond Road, Nashville, NC 27856

Robert Kincheloe, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of small, individually wrapped candies for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. No chocolate wrapped in foil, please. Kindly drop off donations at the church office by Tuesday, March 24. Invite a friend and plan to join us for lunch and the egg hunt on Sunday, March 29!

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE

Make plans to join us for our 2026 Missions Marketplace on Sunday, April 26, following worship. We will enjoy a covered-dish luncheon, music by the children's choir, and a silent auction to benefit the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions.

We are seeking donations of arts and crafts items, services like babysitting or flower arranging, and themed gift baskets for the silent auction. Everyone has a gift or talent to offer! Contact the church office for more information.

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 fourth Lenten service will be held Wednesday, March 18, at First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Les Carpenter, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, preaching.

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>

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, March 15: 4th Sunday in Lent

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*

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 a.m. Coffeeshouse Writers, *Parlor*

1:30-6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, *Robbins Hall*

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

Wednesday, March 18

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship & Lunch, *First Presbyterian Church*

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*

Sunday, March 22: 5th 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*

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



Palm Sunday - March 29

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

12:15 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Tuesday - March 31

12:00 p.m. Labyrinth Communion

Holy Wednesday - April 1

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday - April 2

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
with Tenebrae

Good Friday - April 3

7:00 p.m. Choral Presentation of
The Seven Last Words of Christ
at First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount

Easter Sunday - April 5

11:00 a.m. Worship