



Easterlude



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From "Light of Light Eternal"

Joachim Neander

Light of light eternal, all things penetrating. For your rays our souls are waiting.

Gerhard Tersteegen

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ginger Maynard

Leader: Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

People: Christ has called us here.

Leader: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

People: God is with us here.

Leader: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

People: May the Spirit guide our way.

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. 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 & PROCLAMATION

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Kate Barnes

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

** Please stand as you are able.*

CHORAL ADORATION: "O Taste and See"

R. Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man who trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8

Rebecca Blackwell, soloist (Gossett-Biggs Choral Scholar)

EPISTLE LESSON:

I Peter 2:2-10

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. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 273:

"Built on the Rock"

KIRKEN DEN ER ET

* 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!**

ANTHEM: "O Radiant Dawn"

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." *Antiphon for 21 Dec.*

Gossett-Biggs Choral Scholars

SERMON:

"Sustained by the Cornerstone"

Dr. Grammer

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Grammer

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

God of every people and nation, we confess that we have not lived as global citizens in your new realm of justice and peace. We build up dividing walls in the world. We contribute to division in the church. We ignore the suffering in distant nations and live in fear of our closest neighbors. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us, break down the dividing walls among us, and raise us up to be a holy temple of peace in the world—built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ.

(Pause for silent confession.)

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Dr. Grammer & Dr. Edwards

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

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

Dr. Grammer

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 687: “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION Dr. Grammer

* SUNG RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

* POSTLUDE Mr. Ross

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Elwood Berry by Dick and Nancy Berry.*

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
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

Lakeside Website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

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Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. *Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life. The Celtic Cross with its circle celebrates the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world.*

Eastertide Sermon Series – Sustained by Resurrection: *This season we journey through 1 Peter together to explore what it means to live out our faith in the midst of suffering. Through reading these writings to fledgling churches, we are given a light by which we can survive whatever comes our way, knowing we are sustained by our God.*

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:

Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)

Mike Evans

UNC Health Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Lela Chesson

At Home:

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

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

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

Doug Edwards, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

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)

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:

Chuck Daniel, (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Margaret Harper, Cottage #5209-101, Magnolia Glen, 5301 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, 27612

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Drive (04)

Members of Needles and Prayers, I received a beautiful scarf from your group while in the Grief Class at Lakeside. Thank you so much for your gift and prayers.
Ginger Haden

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of James E. ("Jim") Wiggs, Jr., who died on April 30. Jim was a member of Lakeside for 33 years. Service arrangements are pending.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, May 3

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

12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion,
Rocky Mount Ace Buffet, 1457 Benvenue Road

2:30 p.m. Youth Pilgrimage Orientation,
Conference Room

5:00 p.m. End-of-Year Party for Children & Youth,
& their Families, *Wright Commons*

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

11:00 a.m. Dove Notes, *Godwin Library*

12:15 p.m. Preschool Committee, *Conference Room*

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, May 7

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

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

Friday, May 8

10:30 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Mother's Day Tea Party,
Robbins Hall

Sunday, May 10

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

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

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

**PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, & YOUTH ACTIVITIES
BREAK FOR SUMMER**

Tuesday, May 12

5:30 p.m. VBS Youth & Adult Volunteer Orientation,
Lecture Room



Congratulations
GRADUATES
CLASS OF 2026

If a family member graduated from college in December or will graduate from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office by May 12 so that we can recognize them in The Link and celebrate with them at Youth & Graduate Sunday on May 17. Please include their full name, school, and degree. For high school graduates, we would also like to know their future plans.

 Lakeside Church



VBS 2026
REGISTER BY MAY 4
TO RESERVE A T-SHIRT!

June 8-12
Lakeside Church
8:45 a.m. - 12 noon
Ages 3 - Current
5th Graders



Register using the QR code
or at www.lakesidechurchrmt.org

Join us for an exciting winter sports challenge where kids gear up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

Co-sponsored by Church of the Good Shepherd, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Lakeside Baptist, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches.

CHURCHYARD CLEANUP DAY

The churchyard landscaping and cleanup day originally scheduled for yesterday has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are still welcome and invited to bring their own yard tools for trimming, raking, and debris clean-up.