



Pentecost Sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 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: "Come Holy Ghost"

Thomas Attwood, arr. Mauk

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Latin Hymn

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 237: "On Pentecost They Gathered"

MUNICH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Mauk

Leader: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just
and caring community.

People: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

Leader: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

People: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

UCC Life in Liturgy

* 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Holy One, Divine Spirit, be with us now. It is easy to feel like our gifts and our talents aren't good enough for you. Help us see ourselves as part of a larger creation. While our gifts differ, each one is important, adding something wonderful to your world. Our gifts come from you, and they are what you want for us. Help us accept our own gifts. Enlarge our hearts, so that we may recognize and welcome others, each with differing gifts. Amen.

Mary Petrina Boyd

(Pause for silent confession.)

MEDITATION

EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Ginny Etheridge

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Frederick C. Atkinson

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

George Croly

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Acts 2:1-21

Dr. Edwards & Children

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

SUNG RESPONSE:

(All are invited to join in singing.)

John S. Wilson

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 248: "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

ST. AGNES

* 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

ANTHEM: "A Mighty Wind"

Thomas Tallis, arr. Simon Andrews

A mighty wind invades the world, so strong and free on beating wind: it is the Spirit of the Lord from whom all truth and freedom spring. The Spirit is a fountain clear forever leaping to the sky, whose waters give unending life, whose timeless source is never dry. The Spirit comes in tongues of flame, with love and Wisdom burning bright: the wind, the fountain, and the fire combine in this great feast of light. O Holy Spirit, bring us peace, with God, the Father and the Son: we praise you blessed Trinity, unchanging and forever One. Amen.

Stanbrook Abbey

SERMON:

"A Church on Fire"

Dr. Grammer

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

Leader: We believe in God, Creator of all things, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Redeemer and Lord.

People: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the energy of our faith, poured out at Pentecost and dwelling within us today.

Leader: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles calls each of us to be the Church, bringing our gifts together in unity.

People: The Spirit equips us with gifts that bless the Church, helping us to bear witness to the Spirit's ever-changing and ever-inspiring love in every age.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 239: "Wake, the Dawn Is Now Full Rising" Alt. Tune: HYMN TO JOY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Grammer

* SUNG RESPONSE (All are invited to join in singing.) LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* 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

Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is celebrated each year the Sunday after Ascension Sunday. We celebrate the Holy Spirit (symbolized as fire in Acts 2) being given to the believers, thus giving birth to the church. The liturgical color is red, and we celebrate corporately by wearing the colors of fire: red, orange, and yellow. The Jerusalem Cross on our paraments, comprised of one large cross surrounded by four smaller crosses, reminds us of the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. 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.

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

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

Lela Chesson

Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 S. Winstead Avenue (04)

Sheila Whitley

At Home:

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy., Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

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

Jennifer Cobb, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

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)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

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:

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

Robert Kincheloe, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

We offer our sympathy to Dan and Linda Davis, Cindy Davis, and their family in the death of Dan's brother Bob Davis on May 22 in Greenville, SC.

Sheila Whitley has moved to the memory care unit at Barclay House in Tarboro. Her new address is Barclay House of Tarboro, 200 Trade Street, Room 104A, Tarboro, NC 27886.

FOUNDERS DAY 2026

Join us on Sunday, June 7, for our annual celebration of the founding of Lakeside as we celebrate 71 years of ministry together. We will worship together in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and then gather for fellowship and a covered-dish luncheon in Robbins Hall. Please sign up for lunch using the sheet inserted in today's order of worship or on the Event Registration page of the church website.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, June 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Lakeside to help set up and decorate for Vacation Bible School.

GATEKEEPERS ORIENTATION MEETING

An orientation meeting for all adult volunteers for Gatekeepers Workcamp will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room at Lakeside.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost Sunday

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

Monday, May 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 26

4:00 p.m. Administrative Council, *Conference Room*

Wednesday, May 27

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

Thursday, May 28

5:00 p.m. Gatekeepers Registration Deadline

Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday

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

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

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

VBS Mission Project

Help our VBS Kids Help
the UCM Food Pantry



This year's VBS offering and mission project will benefit the United Community Ministries Food Pantry. Donations of money or food items can be made through any partner church before June 8 or dropped off at Lakeside Church, 1501 Sunset Avenue, June 8-11.

ACCEPTING UNEXPIRED CANNED AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

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