



FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
June 28, 2026
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

Although Lakeside Church is Baptist by tradition and heritage, in our worship and practice we seek to move beyond the label of a denomination to incorporate the richness of other Christian traditions. In our community service we support many ecumenical ministries that convey God's love and care beyond the lines of any denomination.

We receive members by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches. We honor the previous baptism of persons coming from other Christian denominations.

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. We, the members of Lakeside, are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshiping and serving community where the gospel of Jesus Christ is modeled and proclaimed.

If you are interested in knowing more about our church and its ministries, please fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From "Loving Lord, as Now We Gather"

RHUDDLAN

Loving Lord, as now we gather, of that love unworthy still, give us courage to surrender rebel heart and stubborn will, and in us, in faith maturing, all your promises fulfill.

Fred Pratt Green

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Clements

Leader: Who knows whether you have come to this place for such a time as this?

**People: Even when the world feels dark and the future uncertain,
we trust and know God is on our side.**

Leader: Let us draw near to one another and to God as we face the injustices of this world.

**People: We come seeking freedom and justice,
hope and new life for the most marginalized.**

Leader: For such a time as this, we are put in places of influence and change and called to action.

**People: With one voice, let us offer our praise to God
and acceptance of God's call to be bold and courageous.**

* 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

Mr. Schodt

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

Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you, forgetting that you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us. Even when we claim your power, we often do so for our own success and comfort, ignoring your command to use your power on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable.

In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us. Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves and try to control who has access to your love. Forgive us when our greed, our control, and our scandals keep others from knowing you. Redeem us and transform us, O God. Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries, that we may become a doorway to your realm.

Amy B. Hunter

(Pause for silent confession.)

MEDITATION & PROCLAMATION

FIRST LESSON:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10

Carol Barker

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

CHORAL ADORATION: From “There Is a Line of Women”

Charlene Nafziger

There is a line of women who took on pow’rful men, defying laws and scruples to let life live again; and though, despite their triumph, their stories stayed untold, God kept their number growing, creative, strong, and bold. So sing a song of Shiphrah with Puah close at hand: engaged to kill male children, they foiled the king’s command; and sing a song of Rahab who sheltered spies and lied; and sing a song of Esther preventing genocide.

John L. Bell

SECOND LESSON:

Esther 9:20-22

Dr. Edwards

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. Grammer

* OFFERTORY HYMN 666:

“The Voice of God Is Calling”

MEIRIONYDD

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Mauk

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

Today we give thanks for our flower committee, which provides beauty from nature to enhance our worship week by week.

* 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: “Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi; Dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi; Dona eis requiem. Sempiternam requiem.

Lord, have mercy, You who take away the sins of the world; Grant them peace. Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world; Grant them peace everlasting.

Rebecca Blackwell & Esther Keller, Gossett-Biggs Choral Scholars, soloists

SERMON:

“Be Brave: Esther”

Dr. Grammer

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

We believe that throughout history and at present, there have been and are many valiant women, generous, gifted, who have given of themselves for the benefit of many with little or no recompense. While we want women to be affirmed not simply in terms of what they can achieve but because of who they are, it is important to recall that women are also achievers, even in the ancient stories of our faith. So we find and praise women of valor, from the earliest points of human history to those sitting here among us, and we give God our Mother thanks for them all.

Miriam Therese, adapted

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*): “For the Healing of the Nations”

Alt. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

(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.)

LANCASHIRE

**From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God’s mission! Christ, lead us all our days!**

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

Mr. Ross

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Jason Schodt
Ministerial Intern

Zack Ross
Organist

Duffy Ward
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir &
Gossett-Biggs Choral Scholars

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This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the “birthday of the church” through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. The triangle and trefoil on the paraments are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ.

Our First Summer Series is “Women of Valor.” In these four weeks, we are exploring stories of brave women of the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament, who served God, risked much, and showed that having the character of God is not limited by gender or status. Despite these ancient stories occurring in a male-dominated society, these women are hailed as heroes of the faith. So we name in Hebrew, “Eshet Chayil” – “Woman of Valor” – the women in our own lives to mirror these inspiring, strong women from our scriptures.

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 Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Lela Chesson

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)

Shane Eakes (Robert Wood's brother), 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

Doug Edwards, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

Mike Evans, 1151 Falls Road, Apartment 218 (04)

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

Leland Goslen (Linda & Cameron Graham's great-nephew), 1021 Oakgate Court, Apex NC 27502

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

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

Grady Pittman, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

Jeannette Pittman, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

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

Sheila Whitley, Barclay House, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Our Members at Home:

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

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

David Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 28, from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Robbins Hall. Sign up to give the gift of life by scanning the QR code or contacting the church office. A sign up sheet is also available in the Narthex.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: TURNAGE LECTURE SERIES RETURNS!

On Sunday, August 23, Lakeside will host Coach Dave Clawson, former Head Coach of Wake Forest Football and current Executive Affiliate of the Allegacy Center for Leadership & Character at Wake Forest School of Business. Please pick up one of the advertisement posters in the Narthex to take to your place of business or other public location to invite others to this event, and let us know of coaches, athletic directors, and others who work with youth organizations who might be interested in a small group conversation with Coach Clawson on Sunday afternoon between worship and the public lecture at 5:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, June 28

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

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

Tuesday, June 30

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

Sunday, July 5

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

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

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

LET US PRAY

Community Worship & Prayer Service

Join us as we surround our community in prayer in a service of lament, repentance, thanksgiving, and reconciliation, and confront tensions of economics, race, and ideology that divide us.

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10

SUNDAY, JULY 26

6:00 P.M.

Lakeside Church
1501 Sunset Avenue

An offering to benefit
United Community Ministries
will be received.

Sponsored by a partnership of
Rocky Mount area churches.

Childcare will be
provided.



GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP

**OPENING
COOKOUT**



Sunday, July 12
5:00 p.m.
Lakeside Church
Robbins Hall



All youth & adult
volunteers will meet
for dinner,
crew assignments,
and orientation.



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