



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
July 27, 2025
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. Following worship, share your friendship with those around you.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

Arthur H. Messiter

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Edward H. Plumptre

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 715: "Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Mauk

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before God, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God who has made us, and we belong to God. We are God's people, the sheep in God's pasture.

Leader: Enter Heaven's gates with thanksgiving; go into God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's name.

People: For the Lord is good. God's unfailing love continues forever, and God's faithfulness continues to each generation.

Psalms 100, adapted

* GLORIA PATRI

GREATREX

**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.

CHORAL ADORATION: "I Thank You, Jesus," Hymn 116, v. 1

Kenneth Morris

I thank you, Jesus, my Savior God, for you brought me from a mighty long way.

** Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Edwards

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who alone does great wonders,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who by understanding made the heavens and spread out the earth on the waters,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: who made the great lights and the sun to rule over the day and the moon and stars
to rule over the night,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: It is the Lord who remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes,
who gives food to all flesh,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26, adapted

MEDITATION

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 138

Carol Lucas

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 605: "For Each Day of Life We Thank You"

CHARLESTOWN

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Grammer

*This morning, we give special thanks for our sister churches who worship and serve together,
bringing unity among believers and wholeness to our community. A candle holder depicting the
community united in prayer and support of one another is on the altar.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

* 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 AND RESPONSE

ANTHEM: "Thanks Be To Thee"

G. F. Handel, arr. Channing Lefebvre

Thanks be to thee, Lord God of Hosts; thou broughtest forth with mighty hand Israel safe through
the sea. Lord, thou has led us as a shepherd; Lord, with thine hand tenderly in ages past thy people
hast led.

English paraphrase by C. Lefebvre

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 30

SERMON:

"Thanks"

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Today we will affirm our faith by writing our own Psalm of Thanksgiving.
Instructions may be found on the insert in your order of worship.*

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 649:

“Give Thanks For Life”

SINE NOMINE

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Dr. Grammer

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Zack Ross
Organist

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Dyson Ponte
Acolyte

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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. 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.

Our three-week sermon series is “Help, Thanks, Wow,” inspired by Anne Lamott’s book of the same title. We will learn to pray the psalms together in these weeks, as we hear these simple prayers: “Help, Thanks, Wow,” repeated in the Bible’s prayer book. For Week Two, we will reflect on the Psalms of Thanksgiving as we learn how to pray: Thanks. Each week, you will be invited to write your own psalm during the affirmation of faith, which can guide your prayer life during the week to come.

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, Sammie Kunz, Esther Keller, Allison Benoit, and Jacob McCain, who enrich our music ministry in many ways. Choral Scholars and guest singers are supported by the Gossett-Biggs Music Fund.

Want to know more about Lakeside? Discover what else is going on through our website! Watch past worship services, read current news, register for events, discover who we are, and contribute to Lakeside. Scan the QR Code with your smart phone:



LAKESIDE FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

UNC-Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Chick Conley, Room 453

William Ward, 2 West, Room 16

At Home

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

Jim Ashby, 341 Old Coach Rd (04)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Della and Lela Edwards, 211 River Bank Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Robert Kincheloe, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

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

Howard Phykitt, 106 Whispering Pines Drive (04)

Anthony Severini (Molly and Theo Pitt's neighbor)

Jean Smith, The Landings, 1365 River Drive (04)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

Marian Underwood (William Underwood's mother)

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Jo Webb, 209 Southern Boulevard (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Doris Booth, The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road, Room 305 (04)

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

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

The family of Charles Godwin is deeply comforted by your thoughtful generosity and loving support during our time of loss. Your kindness, whether through words, visits, meals, prayers, or simply holding us in your hearts, meant more than we can say. Including Charles in the Founders Day service was so meaningful. Many thanks, Betsy and the Godwin Family

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE WARD FAMILY

Both Jill and William Ward have had recent surgeries, and William remains in the hospital being treated for a serious infection. We would like to help them during this difficult time by providing some meals for their family. You can sign up at www.mealtrain.com/trains/gv8zw3 or by contacting the church office. Please note the allergy restrictions.



FEED MY SHEEP

A gathering of the Body of Christ
from across the Rocky Mount community

SUNDAY, JULY 27

6:00 p.m.

New Morning Star Church of Christ

225 S. Glendale Drive

Rev. Mary Harris Todd,
pastor of Morton Presbyterian Church,
will preach.

We will receive an offering to support
the work of Meals on Wheels.

Planned and presented by a partnership of Rocky Mount churches.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, July 27

- 9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups,
Education Building
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 6:00 p.m. Community Worship,
New Morning Star Church of Christ

Wednesday, July 30

- 7:30 a.m. Soul Space, *Sanctuary*
- 4:30 p.m. Corbi Bulluck Children's Legacy
Endowment Committee, *Conference Room*
- 5:30 p.m. Organ Special Committee,
Conference Room

Thursday, July 31

- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, *Conference Room*

Sunday, August 3

- 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. Continue the Communion,
Barley & Burger, 113 Gateway Blvd.

MUSIC NOTES

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 24th at 4:00 p.m., our Choral Scholars will be presenting a recital of solo and small ensemble music in the Lakeside Sanctuary. This afternoon of music will seek to raise funds for the Gossett-Biggs Music Fund, which supports our Choral Scholars program and guest musicians. We hope you'll plan to join us!

Introducing



Grandfriends

We are excited to announce a new partnership between
Lakeside Preschool and our Topnotchers
ministry-GRANDFRIENDS!

Grandfriends is an opportunity to make intergenerational connections with the Lakeside Preschool children by serving as a class Grandfriend once a week for eight weeks, from September 17 to November 5. Grandfriends will assist with a craft, activity or story time in one of our preschool classes. The time can be flexible, and you will work with a preschool teacher to plan age-appropriate activities.

A background check and Tb screening are required. If you are interested in participating in this exciting new ministry, contact Sue or Elizabeth.

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