



# LAKE SIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 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: "O Jesus, Blest Redeemer"

Cleland B. McAfee

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 100: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Lucas

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who teaches us to live.

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who includes beyond our boundaries.

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who saves us all.

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who sends us to share.

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

\* 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.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. When our faith becomes shaky and we fall into a trough of doubts and anxieties, Lord have mercy. When our hope and joy lapse and we get bogged down in a swamp of despondency, Christ have mercy. When our hearts are cold towards the rights and needs of others and apathy settles in like a wintry fog, Lord have mercy. When the babel of the world's many religious voices confuses us, and we lapse into a spiritual cynicism, Christ have mercy. Grant us, O God, a sincere repentance, a heart open to forgiveness, and a resilient spirit; through Christ Jesus our Redeemer.**

*(Pause for silent confession.)*

**MEDITATION, PROCLAMATION, & RESPONSE**

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 85:8-13

Marion Weathers

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Albert L. Peace

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe; that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

*George Matheson*

EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 10:5-15

Hope Reese

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 102: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

ST. AGNES

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. McCain

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

*Today we give thanks for the Lakeside Bereavement Committee, which ministers to grieving families through meals and hospitality. On the altar is an apron and a casserole dish to remind us of their care.*

\* 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: "Amazing Grace"

Arlen Clarke

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. *John Newton, John Rees (5<sup>th</sup> stanza)*

SERMON:

"Believe"

Dr. Grammer

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

**We believe that the word is near us, in our mouths and in our hearts. We believe that if we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.**

**We believe that no one who believes will be put to shame, for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**And we believe that we are called to proclaim this message, as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

## CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 344: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ASSAM  
(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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Jim Martin by his family.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer  
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards  
Associate Minister

Zack Ross  
Minister of Music

Jacob McCain  
Minister to Children

The Lakeside Chancel Choir &  
Gossett-Biggs Choral Scholars

Kerrigan Stinson  
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.

***Our Second Summer series is Good News for Tough Times*** and follows the letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome. Paul’s letter to the Romans is addressed to people he had never met, in hopes of encouraging and building up this community to which he dreamed of traveling. Christian life was perilous in those days. In this letter, we learn how God sustains us in the midst of brokenness, both within and without, helping us find wholeness and unity, no matter what crises we are facing.

**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:

### 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

**Lela Chesson**, 53 Whispering Pines Drive (04)

**Shelton Chesson**, 53 Whispering Pines Drive (04)

**Jennifer Cobb**, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

**Andrea Cuthrell**, 3517 Mansfield Drive (03)

**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)

**Brian Lassiter**, 104 Killian Court (04)

**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)

**Ziggy Zalzneck**, 324 Piedmont Avenue (03)

### Our Members at Home:

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

**Robert Kincheloe**, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

**Sheila Whitley**, Barclay House, 200 Trade Street, Room 107A,  
Tarboro, NC 27886

We offer our sympathy to Sheila Martin, Jan, Andrew, Will, and Mary Douglas Robillard, and their family in the death of Jim Martin on August 4. Jim was a member of Lakeside for 21 years. A service celebrating Jim's life will be held at Lakeside on Sunday, August 9, at 3:00 p.m. Visitation with the family will take place after the service in Sugg Foyer.

*Dear Lakeside Church: I am so grateful for your support and for remembering my graduation during such a busy time. Thank you so much for the devotional book. I can't wait to use it! It meant so much to be remembered on such a special occasion, and I truly appreciate your kindness. Thank you again for celebrating this milestone with me! Go Heels! With love, Elizabeth Paszek*

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us on Sunday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m., as we take time during our morning worship to bless our students of all ages and their educators as they return to school.

### WELCOME, JACOB!

Join the families of Lakeside's children and youth in a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, August 30, following worship, in welcoming Jacob McCain as our new Minister to Children. Please sign up by August 26 on the Event Registration page of the church website or by calling or emailing the church office.

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies, Lakeside's ministry to provide meals to 35 students at Benvenue Elementary School, will resume in August. If you can volunteer once per month or sponsor a child, please contact the church office. The cost to sponsor is \$35 per month or \$315 for the year. Donations in any amount are appreciated.

## THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

### Sunday, August 9

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

3:00 p.m. Funeral for Jim Martin, *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, August 11 & Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m.-Noon Gatekeepers Painting

### Thursday, August 13

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4:00 p.m. Turnage Series Committee, *Conference Room*

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, *Conference Room*

### Sunday, August 16

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. Diaconate, *Conference Room*

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are in need of volunteers to help finish painting a Gatekeepers house from 8:00 a.m. to noon on August 11, 12, and 13. We will also be seeking donations of furniture and housewares to help the homeowner be able to return to her home.

### KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

We are in need of volunteers to help clean & organize the church kitchen on Wednesday, August 19, at 9:30 a.m.

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hello Lakeside Family, I am reaching out and looking for your support as we approach kickoff. As Children's Church and Sunday Night Youth and Children's group resumes mid-September, we need volunteers to assist with lessons. I have created a Sign-up Genius page where you all can sign up to help. I am looking forward to working with you all as we walk alongside our youth and children in their faith journey!

Jacob

