



LAKE SIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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 worshipping 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "Trusting Jesus"

Ira D. Sankey

Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by; trusting him whate'er befall, trusting
Jesus, that is all.

Edgar Page Stites

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 21: "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

LLANFAIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Berry

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—

**People: Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers,
the young, old, and the in-between.**

Leader: Come as you are, for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people,

People: And God welcomes each one who comes.

Re-Worship, adapted

* 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. McCain

**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. Grammer

God of Love, we have come here today for a family reunion! We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Each of us is your precious child. And yet there is division in this family. There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations. We are quick to anger, slow to forgive. We would rather choose our relatives, than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature of your family. Open our hearts to your love, and show us the way of reconciliation. Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes. Help us claim our heritage as your own children, and live together in unity as your family.

(Pause for silent confession.)

Laura Jaquith Bartlett

PROPHETIC LESSON:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Dr. Edwards

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "O God, Show Mercy to Us (Psalm 67)"

Gustav Holst

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909, alt.

EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Ginger Maynard

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 274:

"I Love Your Church, O God"

ST. THOMAS

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

This week we give thanks for the many hands providing much-needed disaster relief for those in our own country and around the world facing natural disasters. On the altar is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Disaster Relief logo, reminding us of one of the ways we can help. See the back of your order of worship for ways to give.

* 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: "All Lands and Peoples"

Austin C. Lovelace

All lands and peoples, all the earth, put off the night of sadness; make cheer, and music, and high mirth; and praise the Lord with gladness! Serve him with joyful heart, all kingdoms do their part, and let immortal song before his presence throng, forever and forever. O surely he is God alone, and we his own, his people who adore him. We are his flock; our feet walk in his pastures sweet; and by cool brooks, the sleep is soft he gives his sheep, forever and forever. O enter then his temple courts with trumpet-tongued thanksgiving; praise him in dances and in sports, our Lord, the ever-living! With incense to the skies our thankfulness arise; his glory wide proclaim, speak good of his great Name, forever and forever.

based on Psalm 100

SERMON:

"Inclusive Love"

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

We believe in God, Creator and Redeemer, who has not divided us into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against one another because of race, color, religion, class, gender, or sexuality. We believe in Jesus Christ who suffered because of human sinfulness but has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice. We believe in the reconciling power of God which can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, relief of suffering, and the final triumph of love and grace in our lives and for the whole world. Amen.

Bread for the World, adapted

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*): “For Everyone Born”
(*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
honor of Janet & Robert Sykes’s 48th Anniversary by their 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

Mary Douglas Robillard
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, 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:

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Drive (04)

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway., Apartment 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:

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, HeartFields at Cary, 1050 Crescent Green Drive,
Cary, NC 27518

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.

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.

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. You can access the sheet by scanning the QR code below. - Jacob



THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, August 16

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

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

Wednesday, August 19

9:30 a.m. Kitchen Cleanup, *Robbins Hall*

Sunday, August 23: Turnage Lecture Series

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

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

11:00 a.m. Worship with Dave Clawson, *Sanctuary*

2:30 p.m. Small Group Discussion
with Dave Clawson, *Robbins Hall*

5:00 p.m. Turnage Lecture Series Public
Presentation & Dialogue, *Sanctuary*



The Frederick E. Turnage Distinguished Speaker Series at Lakeside:

Conversations in Christian Citizenship

FEATURING

DAVE CLAWSON

• Executive Affiliate of the Allegacy Center for Leadership & Character
Wake Forest University School of Business

• Former Head Coach of Wake Forest Football
• 2021 ACC Coach of the Year

Sunday, August 23, 2026

"LEADING WITH A VALUE SYSTEM"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 a.m. - MORNING WORSHIP, LAKESIDE SANCTUARY
Hear a part of Coach Clawson's own faith story.

2:30 p.m. - SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSION, ROBBINS HALL
(By reservation only)

A conversation with area coaches, athletic directors, and
business leaders about how to lead and mentor through your
value system.

**5:00 P.M. - PUBLIC PRESENTATION & DIALOGUE, LAKESIDE
SANCTUARY**

The entire community is invited to join the conversation.



All events will be held at Lakeside Church
1501 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount
Visit www.lakesidechurchrmt.org or
scan the QR Code for more details about these
events and the Turnage Series.



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.