



LAKE SIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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: "Beautiful Savior"

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior: Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

Munster Gesangbuch, trans. Joseph Seiss

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280:

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Robillard

Leader: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

People: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

Leader: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

People: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

People: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve.

Nancy C. Townley

* 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. Edwards

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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

LITANY OF BLESSING (*see insert*)

Dr. Edwards

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

(*All are invited to join in singing.*)

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

**Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God is own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.**

MEDITATION & PROCLAMATION

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalms 128

Mary Douglas Robillard

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

John R. Sweney

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word; tell me the story most precious,
sweetest that ever was heard.

Fanny J. Crosby

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Mr. McCain

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 10:

"Bring Many Names"

WESTCHASE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

Today we give thanks for our educators, who guide the development of mind, body, and character. We also give thanks for our students, who will learn and grow together in this new school year. A backpack is on the altar to remind us of the joy of learning and the promise we make to cherish these whose bags carry our love on tags.

* 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: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Richard Shephard

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Eleanor H. Hull

SERMON:

"It's the Little Things"

Dr. Grammer

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

We believe that the Kingdom of God is not only found in big things. In our human need to have the biggest and the best, we sometimes lose sight of the power of a tiny seed or yeast.

We believe that the Kingdom of God is surprising and life-changing. We expected an overthrow and got a Servant.

We believe that the Kingdom of God is a gift to be cherished. We seek after it like a buried treasure or a pearl of great value.

We believe that the surprising Kingdom of God is at hand in our own lives. We embrace these surprises Christ taught us, and we seek to make them part of our lives – this day and always.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 431: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

AR HYD Y NOS

* 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

Zack Ross
Minister of Music

Jacob McCain
Minister to Children

The Lakeside Chancel Choir &
Gossett-Biggs Choral Scholars

Madi Stinson
Acolyte

Lakeside Website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

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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.

Our final Summer Sermon Series is “Surprise! Parables from Jesus.” We encounter deep truths when we explore the teachings of Jesus in parables, and we also are often surprised by Jesus’ interpretations. We will explore these surprising stories in a six-week series as we end our summer season together.

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

Linda Hoyle, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Brian Lassiter, 104 Killian Court (04)

Sheila Martin, 116 Cobblestone 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:

Martha Bulluck, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue,
Room 208 (03)

John Cappiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest
Drive, Room 534, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Daisy Howell, The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Drive,
Room 512 (04)

Betsy Waters, 401 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Room 275, Southern Pines,
NC 28387

FALL STUDY GROUP

Join us for a six-week study of *Called to Community: The Life Jesus Wants for His People*, a collection of writings and essays by practitioners of Christian community from across the centuries, edited by Charles E. Moore.

With so many ways to communicate, how have we become so disconnected? How can Christ's followers reclaim a call to community as vital for our life of faith? What does scripture have to say about the importance of living in community? Join us as we explore these and other important questions related to the joys and challenges of our life together.

Choose between a Tuesday Zoom group at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 22, or a Wednesday in-person group at 10:00 a.m., beginning September 23. Sign-up on the church website and indicate which group you prefer. Please plan to purchase your own book.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, August 30: Back-to-School Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship with the Blessing of Backpacks,
Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Welcome Luncheon for Jacob McCain,
Robbins Hall

Tuesday, September 1

4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ladies Book Club,
18 Merganser Cove

Wednesday, September 2

10:30 a.m. Memorials Committee, *Conference Room*

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

Sunday, September 6

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,
Lazeez Indian Restaurant

LAKESIDE SMALL GROUPS RESUMING SOON!

Lakeside Ladies Book Club

Tuesday, September 1, 4:00 p.m.

Continue the Communion Lunch Group

Sunday, September 6, following worship

Dove Notes

Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.

At The Table

Wednesday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.

Lakeside Ringers & Chancel Choir

Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lakeside Coffeehouse Writers

Tuesday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.

Circle 10

Monday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.

For additional information about our small groups, including full descriptions and schedules, please be sure to retrieve a copy of the Find Your Place to Belong: Growing Together Small Groups and Ministries 2026-27 pamphlet in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to help with Children's Church on Sunday mornings and Children's activities on Sunday evenings. Activities will resume in mid-September, so please let Jacob know if you can help.

GATEKEEPERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our extended Gatekeepers project is coming to an end. We are in need of help on Wednesday, September 2, at 1:00 p.m., to move furniture. If you can help please contact Elizabeth.