



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
August 31, 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: "When the Church of Jesus," Hymn 470 v. 1

Ralph Vaughan Williams

When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door, lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer, may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware that the world we banish is our Christian care.

Fred Pratt Green

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*): "All Are Welcome"

TWO OAKS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy Barker

Leader: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: For there are angels among us.

Leader: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

People: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

Leader: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

People: We gather as one Body, to worship the One who is Love.

Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, based on Luke 14 & Hebrews 13

* 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.

* 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.**

** Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Grammer

We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our “To Do” list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

(All are here invited to offer your silent prayers of confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

PSALTER LESSON:

Proverbs 25:6-7

Dr. Edwards

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

CHORAL ADORATION: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian,” Hymn 589, v. 3 African-American Spiritual
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Mr. Mauk

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

SUNG RESPONSE

John S. Wilson

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Grammer

* OFFERTORY HYMN (*see insert*): “For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

Today we give thanks for the daily opportunities we have as a people of faith to be welcoming of other people, whether through church ministries or our individual ministry of love in Christ’s name. On the altar is a figure of an angel, recalling Hebrews 13:2, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

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: “*Esto Les Digo*”

Kinley Lange

*Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen en
acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en
oración, mi padre que está en el Cielo, se lo dará.
Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi
nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.*

This I tell you, if two of you agree
here on earth to pray for something,
my Father in Heaven will grant it.
For where two or three gather in my
name, I am there in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:19-20, sung in Spanish

Lakeside Choral Scholars

SERMON:

“The Good Chair”

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

We believe we have been called to welcome – welcome the poor, welcome the outcast, welcome all. So, we build longer tables, instead of higher walls. We set ourselves below, and others above. And in so doing, we experience the Kingdom of God come to earth.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 683:

“O for a World”

AZMON

(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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation of our choral scholars, music ministry staff, and the generous support of Mr. Ted Gossett and the Gossett-Biggs Music Fund.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Zack Ross
Organist

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Will 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. 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 Sermon Series for August focuses on Receiving and Giving Hospitality like Jesus. Each week, we are invited into stories from the Gospel of Luke to examine how Jesus and his followers interacted with the world, and in turn, we learn how we ought also to interact with the world.

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, 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. Anyone interested in supporting the fund is invited to designate a contribution.

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)

Jean Smith, Room 406

At Home

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

Jim Ashby, 341 Old Coach Rd (04)

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr,
Wilmington 28409

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Della and Lela Edwards, 211 River Bank Ln, 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)

Anthony Severini (Molly and Theo Pitt's neighbor)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

Jill and William Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

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

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

SMALL GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Dove Notes: Wednesday, September 3, at 11:15 a.m.

Needles & Prayers: Thursday, September 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Lakeside Ladies Book Club: Tuesday, September 9,
at 5:00 p.m.

At The Table: Wednesday, September 10, from 10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 10,
at 7:00 p.m.

Coffeehouse Writers: Tuesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 17
at 6:00 p.m.

Circle 10: Monday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need adult volunteers to assist with Sunday night activities for our children and as we resume Children's Church on Sunday mornings this fall. If you can help, please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, August 31

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

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

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

Monday, September 1

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

9:30 a.m. Englewood Garden Club, *Lecture Room*

10:00 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Orientation,
Robbins Hall

Wednesday, September 3

7:30 a.m. Soul Space, *Sanctuary*

11:15 a.m. Dove Notes, *Godwin Library*

Thursday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Needles & Prayers, *Parlor*

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

Sunday, September 7

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

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

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

12:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff Reception,
Lehman Courtyard

12:30 p.m. Continue the Communion,
Sal's Pizza, 2820 Sunset Avenue

5:00 p.m. Fall Kickoff for Youth & Children's
Activities, *Robbins Hall*

Keep up with all that's happening at Lakeside with the calendar on the church website or contact the church office for a printable monthly calendar.

Lift your voice! Join the Chancel Choir!

Interested in adding your voice to the Chancel Choir? Singers of all ages and experience are invited to join us as we resume rehearsals in the Fall!

Wednesdays

7:00-8:30pm
beginning
Sept. 10th

Sundays

10:00am rehearsal
11:00am worship



For more info, contact James Mauk at
jamesthomasmauk@gmail.com



Make a joyful noise!

Lakeside Ringers

Handbell Choir
has openings for new ringers.

Whether you are an experienced musician who enjoys making music in ensembles or can't read music but have always wanted to learn an instrument, you are welcome!

Rehearsals resume September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lakeside Music Suite and will meet each Wednesday, September - May. Play in morning worship 4 or 5 times per year. Contact Zackary Ross for more information. Friends from the community are welcome.

Join this fun and energetic
Growing Together Small Group
as we make joyful music together!



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Let's DO LUNCH

Continue the Communion Lunch Group

Sunday, September 7
Sal's Pizza (2820 Sunset Ave)

The group meets at a local restaurant after worship for a pay-for-your-own meal and fellowship the first Sunday of each month. Contact Sue Bulluck or Joan Ashby for more information.

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FALL BOOK STUDY

JOIN US FOR A FIVE-WEEK STUDY OF RICHARD ROHR'S LATEST BOOK, THE TEARS OF THINGS: PROPHETIC WISDOM FOR AN AGE OF OUTRAGE

CHOOSE A TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM GROUP THAT MEETS AT 7:00 P.M. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 23 OR A WEDNESDAY MORNING IN-PERSON GROUP THAT MEETS AT 10:00 A.M. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24.

This study will explore how the writings of the Hebrew prophets can inform and inspire our responses to contemporary challenges. PLEASE ORDER YOUR OWN BOOK AND CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR A GROUP.