



LAKESIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

arr. Donald Moore

Bless the Lord, O my Soul; bless his holy name.

adapted from Psalm 103:1

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 487: "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Alt. Tune: AURELIA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. McCain

Leader: Bless the Lord, my soul.

People: With all our being, we bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget none of God's benefits.

People: God pardons all our wrongdoing and heals us from our ills.

The Lord crowns us with love and compassion.

Leader: Bless the Lord, my soul.

People: With all our being, we bless God's holy name.

inspired by Psalm 103:1-5

* 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.*

MEDITATION & PROCLAMATION

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 103:1-13

Mr. Ross

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

CHORAL ADORATION: “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

Eric H. Thiman

Here, O My Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God; here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Horatius Bonar

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 18:21-35

Dr. Edwards

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 546:

“Amazing Grace!”

NEW BRITAIN

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Grammer

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

* 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: “Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake”

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

J. Bull

SERMON:

“The Measure of Forgiveness”

Dr. Grammer

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Grammer

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, we want to be as grace-filled with ourselves and with others as you are. But honestly, it is easier to sing about grace than it is to offer it freely and abundantly. Help us put our songs into action, our words of yearning into lives filled with mercy and forgiveness—for ourselves and for others. One time, seven times, or seventy-seven times, each moment of grace matters and makes us better. Let your grace flow through our lives so abundantly that it overflows into every situation, protecting and preserving everyone it touches. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

Mary Scifres

SHARING OF BREAD & CUP

Dr. Grammer & Dr. Edwards

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Edwards

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Edwards

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*): "I Then Shall Live"

FINLANDIA

(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 Isaac Smith Jr. by Ginger and Frank Maynard.*

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

Lauren Broomell
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.

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:

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Ester McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living,
650 Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

David Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

Anne Chappell, 4510 Lead Mine Road #3008, Raleigh, NC 27612

We offer our sympathy to Kate Barnes and her family on the death of her husband, Marion Barnes, on September 2. A funeral will be held at Lakeside on Wednesday, September 9, at 3:00 p.m.

The family of Jim Martin would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the many expressions of love and support during our time of grief. The letters, calls, cards and delicious food was appreciated more than words could ever express. Jim loved his family, friends and Demon Deacons but Lakeside was so very special and such an important part of his life since we moved to Rocky Mount in 2005. Thank you Lakeside Family!

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, September 6

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

12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion,
Lazeez Indian Restaurant

Monday, September 7

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Dove Notes, *Godwin Library*

10:30 a.m. At The Table, *Benvenue Country Club*

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

Thursday, September 10

11:00 a.m. Endowment Committee, *Conference Room*

Sunday, September 13: Kick-Off Sunday

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. Missions Committee, *Conference Room*

5:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Family Night,
Robbins Hall

LAKESIDE SMALL GROUPS RESUMING SOON!

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 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 next week, so please let Jacob know if you can help.

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. 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.