



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 14, 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: Choral in G

Alexandre Guilmant

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From, "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"

African-American Spiritual

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88: "All My Hope on God is Founded"

NEANDER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Mauk

Leader: Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

People: "Lord, you are my refuge and my fortress, my God I will trust forever."

Leader: Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.

People: God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

Leader: When we call out to the Lord,

People: We know that we are heard.

Leader: God is with us in every trial and temptation,

People: Therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty!

Lectionary Sermons Archive, based on Psalm 91

* 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

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have not forgotten to pray, but our requests are often shallow and our prayers hurried. We have not failed to worship, but our time to listen and reflect has been limited. We have not lost our respect for scripture, but we have cheated ourselves of its rich resource of faith and insight. Open our hearts to the gift of time with you. Open our eyes to the gift of your story with us. Open our lives to the grace of your love.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Daniel 6:1-23

Mr. Mauk

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me,"

African-American Spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

EPISTLE LESSON:

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Hope Reese

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 628:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

We give thanks for Lakeside Preschool, which has been providing education and nurture for young children in our community since 1992. Building blocks are placed on the altar to remind us of the playfulness and joys of childhood.

ORGAN OFFERTORY: *Auf meinen lieben Gott*, BWV 744

Johann Sebastian Bach

* 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: "Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord"

arr. Andrew Parr

Oh, the king cried, "Oh, Daniel, Daniel! Oh, a-that-a Hebrew, Daniel, servant of the Lord!" Among the Hebrew nation one Hebrew, Daniel, was found. They put him in the lion's den, he stayed there all night long. Now the king in his sleep was troubled and early in the morning he rose, to find God had sent his angel down to lock the lion's jaws.

African-American Spiritual

SERMON:

"Bible Stories for Grownups: Daniel and the Lion's Den"

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that we are created by God, gifted with dignity, endowed with purpose, and blessed with skills, talents, and opportunities for a full and complete life. We believe that God loves and watches over us as our Divine Parent, that Jesus came to offer us abundant life now and forever, and that the Spirit remains with us as Guardian and Guide. We believe that we honor God best in the sanctuary of our hearts, and bear witness to God's love through our prayers brought to life.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 86: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS
(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: *Nachspiel* Anton Bruckner

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Circle 10.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Zack Ross
Organist

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Ramsey Ward
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. 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 September is “Bible Stories for Grownups,” inspired by Josh Scott’s book of the same name. We will consider four common Bible stories we learn as children. We hope to grow our faith together as we consider these childhood stories through a grownup lens of interpretation.

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)

Robert Kincheloe, No visitors at this time, please

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Jean Smith, Room 239

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 Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

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)

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

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)

We offer our sympathy to Jill and Marshall Ward and their family in the death of William Ward, who died on September 3. A service celebrating his life was held at Lakeside on Saturday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Frances Nowell who died on September 9. Frances and her daughter, Anna Jane Murray, have taught violin lessons at Lakeside for more than 30 years.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO BELONG AT LAKESIDE

Lakeside has a wide range of small groups to help you find your place to learn and grow in faith, serve, develop your gifts, and connect with others. A complete list of Growing Together Small Groups and descriptions is available on the Get Involved page of the website and in the Narthex. Some groups meeting soon are:

Adult Bible Study Classes (Growing Together Groups)

Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Education Building

Lakeside Coffeehouse Writers

Tuesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor

Lakeside Ringers Handbell Choir

Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m., in the Music Suite

Lakeside Chancel Choir

Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m., in the Music Suite

Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group

Thursday, September 18, at noon, in the Sanctuary

Needles & Prayers Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor

Lakeside Ladies Book Club

Tuesday, October 7, at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor

At the Table

Wednesday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m., at Benvenue Country Club

Circle 10

Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m., in the Lecture Room

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, September 14

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

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

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

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities,
Music & Youth Suites

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, *Parlor*

Wednesday, September 17

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

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

Thursday, September 18

12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group,
Sanctuary

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

Sunday, September 21

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*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities,
Music & Youth Suites

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.

The Lakeside Youth invite you to a

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
ROBBINS HALL

THE YOUTH WILL SHARE EXPERIENCES
AND PHOTOS FROM OUR
MISSION TRIP TO NEW YORK

COVERED-DISH MEAL
WE WILL PROVIDE MEAT & BEVERAGES
EACH FAMILY BRINGS A
VEGETABLE, SIDE DISH,
OR DESSERT.
SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 30.

