



LAKESIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 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: I Love to Tell the Story

Robert J. Powell

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing and Rejoice"

William H. Bradbury

Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice, let all things living now sing and rejoice.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (All are invited to join in singing the response.)

Mr. McCain

Leader: O Lord my God, you are very great. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You make springs gush forth in the valleys, giving drink to every wild animal.

All: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart.

All: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

All: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. These all look to you; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

All: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

From Psalm 104, selected verses

* GLORIA PATRI

GREATOR EX

**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.*

* INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Good and generous God, we confess that there are days when even the warmth of the sunlight and the multitude of gifts we receive from you cannot overcome the darkness and discouragement in our lives. There are days, even seasons, when we search for a sign of your nearness but find only doubt and loneliness. Sometimes the noises that surround us and the anxieties within us cause us to strain to catch fleeting glimpses of your reflection in our world, and at other times, our willful neglect or misuse of your gifts make us poor stewards of your creation. Move us from a need to control toward a willingness to surrender; from stubborn certainty to curious wonder; from a nearsighted view of the world to a broad and open vision of your kingdom; from a posture of fear and self-preservation toward a mindset of generosity and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pause for silent confession.)

MEDITATION & PROCLAMATION

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 96

Mr. Ross

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

CHORAL ADORATION: from, "Seek Not Afar for Beauty"

COOLINGE

Seek not afar for beauty; lo, it glows in dew-wet grasses all about your feet, in birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet, in stars and mountain summits topped with snows. In wonder-workings or some bush aflame, we look for Truth and fancy it concealed; but in earth's common things it stands revealed, while grass and flowers and stars spell out the Name.

Minot Judson Savage

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 55:6-13

Riley Stussie

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 53:

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

(Children in grades K-5 are invited to depart for Children's Church during the singing of this hymn.)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sheila Martin

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Chorale Prelude on DIX

Steven Scott

Today we give thanks for our music committee, which assists in planning and implementing the music program of the church.

* 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: "Look at the World"

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing

river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

The Chancel Choir is joined this morning by members of Lakeside's Junior Children's Choir.

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 6:25-34

Dr. Edwards

SERMON:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Edwards

We believe in God the Creator, whose goodness seams through all creation with irrepressible beauty and truth, whose patience and generosity exceed all human expectation, and whose glory neither earth nor the heavens can contain.

We believe in Christ Jesus, the true Child of God, who came with a disruption that shook the powers of evil, though it cost him his life; who from beyond death comes again to gather his disciples into a community of the free; who refused to be intimidated by threats or restrained by any religion which had no grace.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the source and sustainer of abundant life, who from the very beginning flows from God, enhancing the gifts of church in the service of humanity.

We believe in the Church as the universal body of Christ, in the forgiven people as the sharers of Christ's peace, in the timeless, mystic fellowship of all God's people, and in the life that transcends all sorrow and death. Amen.

Bruce Prewer

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Edwards

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 7: "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

ENGELBERG

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Edwards

* SUNG RESPONSE 404: *(All are invited to join in singing.)*

BOYLSTON

**A hymn of joy we sing around your table, Lord;
again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.**

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude on ENGELBERG

arr. James Pethel

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Martha Bulluck's birthday by Don Bulluck.*

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 &
The Junior Children's Choir

Kerrigan Stinson
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.

“Hymns of Joy” is our first worship series this fall. We will spend four weeks exploring the hymns we sing and the scriptures they invoke. As we sing our joy in worship, we will be challenged to live the joy of faith as we go out to engage with the world around us.

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.



OCTOBER 25 4:00-6:00 PM

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

LAKESIDE CHURCH
1501 SUNSET AVENUE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
ENJOY HAYRIDES, A GIANT INFLATABLE,
OBSTACLE COURSE, SNACKS, GAMES,
CRAFTS, AND SWEET TREATS!

KIDS & KIDS AT HEART ARE
INVITED TO COME IN COSTUME

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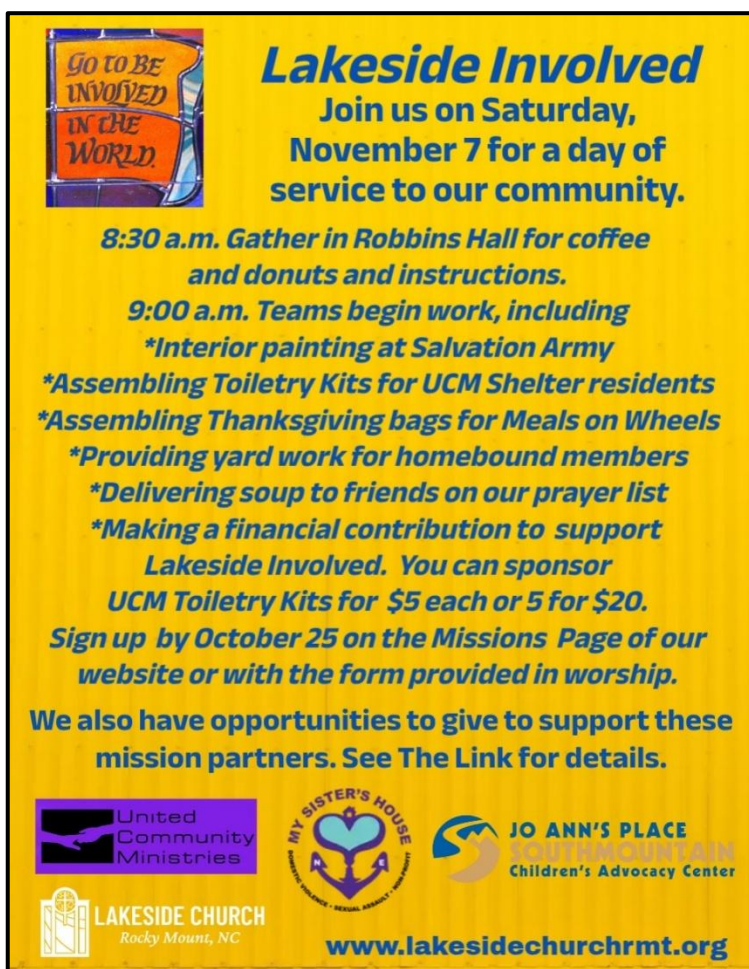
CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

WE ARE IN NEED OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
CANDY FOR THIS YEAR'S FALL FESTIVAL.
PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE BY

OCTOBER 21.

THANK YOU!

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GO TO BE INVOLVED IN THE WORLD

Lakeside Involved

Join us on Saturday,
November 7 for a day of
service to our community.

**8:30 a.m. Gather in Robbins Hall for coffee
and donuts and instructions.**

9:00 a.m. Teams begin work, including

- *Interior painting at Salvation Army
- *Assembling Toiletry Kits for UCM Shelter residents
- *Assembling Thanksgiving bags for Meals on Wheels
- *Providing yard work for homebound members
- *Delivering soup to friends on our prayer list
- *Making a financial contribution to support
Lakeside Involved. You can sponsor
UCM Toiletry Kits for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

**Sign up by October 25 on the Missions Page of our
website or with the form provided in worship.**

**We also have opportunities to give to support these
mission partners. See The Link for details.**

United Community Ministries

MY SISTER'S HOUSE

JO ANN'S PLACE
SOUTH MOUNTAIN
Children's Advocacy Center

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Please refer to the back
of the inserted page
for our prayer concerns
and weekly calendar.