



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
October 12, 2025  
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

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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.

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## 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: *Two Slow Airs*: No. 1 Herbert Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From, "Wonderful Words of Life," Hymn 323 Philip P. Bliss

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 330: "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" W ZLOBIE LEZY

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *inspired by Deuteronomy 6:1-9* Mr. Mauk

Leader: Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

**People: Happy are the people who walk with integrity, who live according to the instructions of the LORD.**

Leader: You must commit yourself wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**People: Happy are the people who keep God's decrees, who search for him with all their hearts – who do not compromise with evil, but faithfully follow his ways.**

\* 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 AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Grammer

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We like to quote scripture, but we seldom read it for ourselves. We enjoy talking about the Gospel, but do not always try to live it. We love to sing about Jesus, but we do not always let his song play in our hearts. We are happy to claim you as our God, but do not always live as if it is so. Enliven us with your Spirit, we pray, and teach us to live as Christ in our world.**

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

## MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

EPISTLE LESSON:

Hebrews 1:1-2

Brenda Hurdle

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "Lead Me, Lord"

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou,  
Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*Psalm 5:8*

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 5:37-40

Dr. Edwards

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 324: "Your Words to Me Are Life and Health"

WINCHESTER OLD

*(Kindergarten to 5th grade children may meet our Minister to Children,  
Lisa Meadows, to continue worship in the Youth Building.)*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

*Today we give thanks for our Growing Together Groups, which provide small group opportunities  
for Bible study, service, and fellowship to help us to grow in our faith as individual believers and  
as a church family. A Bible is on the altar.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Offertory in C Major

Charles H. Rinck

\* DOXOLOGY

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**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: "O Lord, Increase Our Faith"

Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue us with wisdom,  
charity, chastity, and patience, in all our adversities. Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

SERMON:

"Bible Freedom: Reading the Bible for Oneself"

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe the Holy Bible was written by humans and divinely inspired, the record of God's revelation of Godself to humanity. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth for its matter. It is a treasure of divine instruction. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.**

*Baptist Faith and Message (1963), adapted*

## CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 322: “O Word of God Incarnate” MUNICH  
(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: Fugue in D Major Friedrich Wilhelm Roch

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	James Mauk <i>Minister of Music</i>
Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i>	Zack Ross <i>Organist</i>	Elizabeth Paszek <i>Acolyte</i>

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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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.*

***“Our Baptist Heritage,” our sermon series for October,** helps us to reflect on how we fit into the larger Baptist and Christian family. Our series is inspired by the book *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms*, by Walter B. Shurden.*

**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:

#### At Home

**Keith Abbott**, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

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

**Robert Kincheloe**, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

**Jim and Sheila Martin**, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

**C.B. Morris**, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

**Jill Ward**, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

#### Our Members-at-Home

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

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

**Daisy Howell**, Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Dr.,  
Room 512 (04)

*We offer our sympathy to Napoleon Taylor and his family upon the death of his sister, Doria Bonds, on September 26, in Florida.*

*We offer our sympathy to Robert and Janet Sykes, Justin and Bridget Sykes, and their family upon the death of Robert's mother and Justin's grandmother, Jean Smith, who died on October 8. Jean was a member of Lakeside for 24 years. Funeral arrangements will be shared as they become available.*

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Emily and Will Haley and their children, Barnes, Gus, and Eleanor, come to us by transfer of their membership. Emily is a native of Rocky Mount, and the family has been active in our youth and children's ministries for several years. The Haleys live at 101 Bristol Ct. (03).

Lisa Meadows, our Minister to Children, also transferred her membership to Lakeside from another local congregation. Her daughter Sadie is a senior in high school. Lisa's address is 1500 Beal Street (04).

### THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

#### Sunday, October 12

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

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

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

11:20 a.m. Children's Church, *Children's Classroom*

12:15 p.m. Deacon Nominating Committee,  
*Conference Room*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities,  
*Robbins Hall*

#### Monday, October 13

11:00 a.m. Circle 10, *Lecture Room*

#### Tuesday, October 14

5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, *Conference Room*

7:00 p.m. Fall Study Group, *Zoom*

#### Wednesday, October 15

9:30 a.m. Grandfriends, *Lakeside Preschool*

10:30 a.m. Fall Study Group, *Conference Room*

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

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

#### Thursday, October 16

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

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

#### Friday, October 17 - Saturday, October 18

Women's Retreat, *Boseman Farm*

#### Sunday, October 19

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*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children's Church will be held TODAY, Sunday, October 12. Children in Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to leave the sanctuary during the second hymn and parents may pick them up in the Youth Building following worship.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Lakeside women, join us on October 17-18 at Boseman Farm for a time of Bible study, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Sign up now! There is a \$25 registration fee, which can be dropped off at the church office.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** The entire church family is invited to join us for our Community Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We'll have games, crafts, and activities for the young and young at heart. We would love to have a great crowd to help us welcome friends and neighbors from our community as well. You are encouraged to come in costume, but nothing bloody or scary, please!

**LAKESIDE INVOLVED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** Join us on Saturday, November 1, for a day of service to our community. We will gather in Robbins Hall at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and instructions, and depart for Sunset Park at 9:00 a.m. for park clean-up and tree planting. Another team will gather in the Conference Room to pack school supplies for migrant workers. We will also need help packing snack bags for Meals on Wheels clients and delivering soup to our homebound members, for which dates and times will be announced.

**LAKESIDE INVOLVED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** In addition to our day of service on Saturday, November 1, we will be collecting items to assist our local ministry partners. In support of United Community Ministries, we will collect paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, paper plates, cups, and napkins. For My Sister's House, we will collect body wash, shampoos for all ethnicities, facial tissues, and all-purpose cleaning spray. We will also be collecting school supplies for our migrant workers who are returning home in November. Supplies needed are three-ring zipper pencil pouches, 24-pack crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and gently used children's clothing of all sizes.