



LAKE SIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 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: Jesus, my Joy (BWV Anh. 58)

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "Hallelujah," from *Ascension*

William Henry Monk

Hallelujah!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *Inspired by Psalm 46*

Sam Johnson

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**People: The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

* 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.**

* INVOCATION & 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.*

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness.

(Pause for silent confession.)

Thom M. Shuman

MEDITATION

FIRST LESSON:

Psalm 46

Mr. Ross

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "Steal Away to Jesus!"

African-American Spiritual

The text of the adoration is Hymn 644.

SECOND LESSON:

Psalm 150

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 619:

"My Life Flows On"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. McCain

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Dearest Jesus, we are here (BWV 706)

J. S. 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

ANTHEM: "We Are the Lord's"

arr. Roland E. Martin

We are the Lord's; his all sufficient merit, sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords. We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit; whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender our souls to him in deeds, not empty words. Let heart and tongue and life combine to render no doubtful witness that we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us can make us tremble while this star affords a steady light along the path before us—faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us in the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords; no pangs of death shall even then appall us. Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.

Karl J. P. Spitta

SERMON:

"My Life Flows On"

Dr. Grammer

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives; God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound. The word gives both the life and light, and guides us through the shades of night, so let the music sound God's praise as hymns bring gladness to our days.

Carlton C. Buck

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 65: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

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

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Grammer

* 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: A Mighty Fortress is our God

J. Pachelbel

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

Duffy Ward
Acolyte

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This Sunday is Reformation Sunday, which is celebrated on the last Sunday of October, commemorating the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. *Semper Reformanda* is Latin for "always reforming," a mantra of many churches that seek to be God's people in every time and place. The liturgical color of the day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church. Red is also the liturgical color for anniversaries and festival days of the churches.

Our First Sermon Series this Fall is "Hymns of Joy," where for four weeks, we are exploring the hymns we sing and the scriptures they invoke. We are finding joy anew as we sing and share these important parts of our shared worship!

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:

UNC-Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Martha Bulluck, Room 523

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

Connie Griffin

At Home:

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

Marie Butner (Angie Hunter's mother), Priddy Manor,
1294 Priddy Road, King, NC 27021

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin),
1481 Richardson Road, Apartment C406, Apex, NC 27523

Lela Chesson, 53 Whispering Pines Drive (04)

Wayne Cotton, 112 Sherwood Drive (04)

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

Bill Haley (Will Haley's father), Gainesville, GA

Katie Hand, 4752 Honeysuckle Lane (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Brian Lassiter, 104 Killian Court (04)

Caroline Martin (Ginny & Ricky Cobb's granddaughter)

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)

Kate Thomas (Jaye and James Biggs's granddaughter),

904 Shepard St., Morehead City, NC 28557

Ziggy Zalzneck, 324 Piedmont Avenue (03)

Our Members at Home:

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt. S210,
Durham, NC 27705

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, HeartFields at Cary, 1050 Crescent Green
Drive, Cary, NC 27518

We rejoice with Angie Hunter and Jim Graves who were married on
October 10 in Roxboro.

We rejoice with Howard Phykitt on his marriage to Peggy Ross
Phykitt on October 19.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, October 25: Reformation Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship with Children's Church,
Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

10:00 a.m. Study Group, *Conference Room*

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

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

Thursday, October 29

4:00 p.m. Administrative Council,
Conference Room

Sunday, November 1: All Saints' 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. Continue the Communion, *El Jimador*

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



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.**



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COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL: Please join us for our annual Community Fall Festival TODAY, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., here at Lakeside. Enjoy fun for the whole family, including hayrides, a giant inflatable obstacle course, snacks, games, crafts, and sweet treats! Both kids and kids at heart are invited to come in costume, but please, nothing bloody or scary.

CHURCHYARD CLEANUP: Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 14, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, to help clean up our churchyard and landscape. Please bring your yard tools for trimming, raking, and debris clean-up.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our fall blood drive will be held on November 17, from 1:30-6:00 p.m., in Robbins Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE: Our annual church conference will be held on Sunday, November 15, following worship, in the Sanctuary.