



LAKE SIDE CHURCH

Rocky Mount, NC

ALL SAINTS'
SUNDAY
November 1, 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: from "Angel Band"

William B. Bradbury

O come, angel band, come and around me stand. O bear me away on your snowy wings to my immortal home.

Jefferson Hascall

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 637:

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ginger Maynard

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

People: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

People: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

People: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

People: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

Bruce Prewer

* 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. 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.

* Please stand as you are able.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Grammer

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah,
to Paul and Phoebe:

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers,
who have taught us the way of God:

People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts, and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

People: Family of our faith, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters,
husbands and wives, and parents whose lives ended too soon:

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year
from our church family, knowing that they are with your heart forever:

Marion Barnes

Elwood Berry

Lela Chesson

Jim Martin

Don Stallings

Jim Wiggs

Leader: We celebrate the lives of those we have named. O God, and lift up many more
names in our hearts.

**People: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with
us in the spirit of worship and service, and you will not be forgotten.**

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life
from those listed here, to those on our hearts. We trust in the hope of resurrection
and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration,
O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. *Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

KINDLING OF THE FLAMES

*After the candles have been lit in memory of these friends, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in
memory of a loved one from your circle of friends or family, especially if the death has occurred during the past year.
You may also light a candle for someone who died years ago, but whose memory is still bright for you. Deacons will be
at the head of the center aisle to provide candles, light them, and help you place them in the chancel area.*

MEDITATION

FIRST LESSON:

Matthew 5:1-12

Mr. McCain

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "O How Glorious is the Kingdom"

Robert J. Powell

O how glorious is the Kingdom, wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ. Clothed in white
robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

Revelation 7:9-10, adapt. RJP

SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 23:1-12

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. Grammer
* OFFERTORY HYMN 490: "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"	THE SERVANT SONG
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	Dr. Grammer
ORGAN OFFERTORY	Mr. Rosss
* 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: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer

SERMON: "The Saints We Ought to Be...and The Saints We Aren't" Dr. Grammer

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Dr. Grammer

Leader: You who are grieving and feeling hopeless,

People: this table is set for you.

Leader: You who are humble and kind,

People: this table is set for you.

Leader: You who are starving for justice,

People: this table is set for you.

Leader: You who are yearning for peace,

People: this table is set for you.

Leader: You who are burdened and downtrodden,

People: this table is set for you.

Leader: You who are sinners and saints,

People: this table is set for you.

Mary Scifres

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, forgive us when we fall short of your call to saintly living, where we parade our piety and expect favored treatment. Remind us that you emptied yourself of power so that you could be the servant and savior of all. Help us to have the holy integrity you call us to, and help us to avoid the hypocrisy we can all fall into. Give us the grace to become the servant-saints we ought to be, living into your example with our whole lives.

(Pause for silent confession.)

Moira Laidlaw, adapted

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.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Edwards

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 476: "Rejoice in God's Saints" HANOVER
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN Dr. Grammer

* ORGAN POSTLUDE Mr. Ross

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones who have died in the past year and others who are dear to us.

As is our custom each time we celebrate Holy Communion, we will receive a benevolence offering for local crisis ministries. Offerings may be placed in the RainBowls in the Narthex and office hallway.

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

Elena Grammer-Underwood
Acolyte

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Today is All Saints' Sunday in the Christian year. All Saints' Day, November 1, is also known as "All Hallows' Day." We celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on the first Sunday in November, memorializing the saintly status of all Christian people, especially those we have lost from our own church family in the last year. The liturgical color is white, signifying that it is Christ who lives in the saints. The Celtic Cross with its circle reminds us of the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. 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 Second Fall Sermon Series is "Changing Lives through Generosity." We are called as a church not to simply exist in the world but to change it for the better. As we read along in the Gospel of Matthew, we see that we have been entrusted with a call to love one another, to serve one another, to give generously, to invest our gifts wisely, and to treat others with dignity.

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.