



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 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 PRELUDES: Adagio in A Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Improvisations on "When I Survey" and "Amazing Grace"

Mr. Gossett

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From, "Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Traditional, Latin

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 688: "When, in Awe of God's Creation"

HYFRYDOL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Robillard

Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

People: Thus says our God, the Holy One.

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

People: Celebrate all that is coming to you.

Leader: For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

People: And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.

Leader: Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

People: Everything will become a new creation.

Inspired by Isaiah 65; Kristen Linford, adapted

* 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.**

* INVOCATION AND 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.*

MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Mr. Mauk

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

CHORAL ADORATION: “O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; From early morn to setting sun his might
on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known: Ye princes
come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

From Psalm 112, paraphrased

EPISTLE LESSON:

I Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sammie Crumley

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. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 17:

“O Worship the King”

LYONS

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

*Our focus this season of stewardship is "Belong Here," and our stewardship theme logo is on the altar. As we
complete one year of generous giving and ministry excellence and plan for another, we are reminded that
we all belong at Lakeside - first, because of Christ's welcome, and second because of our church's
commitment to welcome for all. Come, belong with us!*

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Air in F Major

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: “Ubi Caritas”

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Traditional, Latin

SERMON:

“Embracing God’s Vision”

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God is making all things new, even now, and that we are a part of that co-
creation with Christ. We believe that God calls us to act in faith, to move in new directions,
and to believe with fresh understanding. We believe that God calls us to transform our world,
equips us with the gifts and abilities to do so, and provides for us a vision of Christ’s
community. We believe that we are on a journey of discovery, seeking God’s vision, and
celebrating God’s gift of life. Amen.**

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 95: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET
(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: Dialogue, from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Faith Johnson Lehman
by Carol and Will Lucas, John and Nancy Lehman, and Kaye and Jim Emack.*

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>	Mary Douglas Robillard <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.

Building Toward God's Vision: A Stewardship Sermon Series. Throughout this stewardship season, we will hear the call of the Hebrew prophets, urging us to consider our response to the mighty acts of God in history and through God's people for generations. As we Build Toward God's Vision, we find a call to use our talents, time, and energy, as well as our financial resources, to participate in God's transformative work.

We welcome Mr. Ted Gossett as our guest organist this morning. Mr. Gossett studied music at East Carolina University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. Mr. Gossett served as Lakeside's organist and choir director from 1971 to 1980.

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:



LAKE SIDE FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

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

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

At Home

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

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

Bill Bulluck, 3312 Cornwallis Drive (04)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), Greenville, SC

Della and Lela Edwards, 211 River Bank Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Linda Hoyle, 210 Gravelly Drive (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

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

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Barbara Valentine, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

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

John Capiello, 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)

Our entire family would like to thank our Lakeside friends and staff who were so supportive during the loss of our beloved Mother and Grandmother (Mimi to her family). We were overwhelmed by the Celebration of Life, our incredible choir, and the beautiful service that Libby and Elizabeth presented. A special thanks to Zack and Jake for the fantastic collaboration with the postlude, simply amazing. Jody was so special in his memories of Jean because he knew her so well. You know why you love Lakeside so much when you need Lakeside most!

The Sykes Family

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations to provide food for our neighbors who are struggling during these difficult times. Please drop off donations at the church office.

YOUTH CANDY GRAM FUNDRAISER

What to give to that person on your list who has everything? For this year's Holiday Fundraiser, our youth are offering Candy Grams! For a donation to our Summer Trip Fund, we will mail a card and sweet treat to someone you would like to honor, either with your name or anonymously. Please complete the form on the youth page of the website or contact the church office by December 12.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MORAVIAN LOVEFEAST

On Sunday, December 7, we will travel to Winston-Salem to attend the Moravian Lovefeast at Wake Forest University. Check the church website or contact the church office for more details.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, November 16: Annual Church Conference

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

12:00 p.m. Annual Church Conference, *Sanctuary*

12:20 p.m. Diaconate, *Conference Room*

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive,
Robbins Hall

Wednesday, November 19

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

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

Thursday, November 20

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

7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Singers Concert,
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Sunday, November 23: Commitment Sunday

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*

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

After our Annual Conference today, you are invited to pick up your Giving Plan card in the narthex, which will include a letter and giving step chart, letting you see where your giving plan falls among our church family, and asking you to prayerfully consider moving up one or more steps in your giving for 2026. We encourage you to fill out your card, pledging your support for our ministries in 2026. Your commitment through pledging helps us to know how best to plan for the financial costs of our ministries each year.

Next Sunday, November 23, is Commitment Sunday. We will present our 2026 Personal Giving Plans to God and this church family in worship. Thank you always for the generous ways you support Lakeside!

HELP US PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Cut Greenery – November 24

9:30 a.m., at 503 Evergreen Road

Make Wreaths – November 25

9:00 a.m., in Robbins Hall

Decorate the Chrismon Tree – November 29

Time TBA, in the Sanctuary