



Making Room...



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WITH VIVALDI'S *MAGNIFICAT*

December 7, 2025 at Eleven O'Clock A.M.

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

PRELUDE: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)	Johann Sebastian Bach
WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH	Dr. Grammer
CHORAL INTROIT: From hymn 119, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	VENI EMMANUEL
* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 130: "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"	MORNING SONG
* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	Dan & Linda Davis
* CALL TO WORSHIP	Alan Clements
Leader: From places deeply rooted, People: we gather to light our Advent candles. Leader: From places yet undiscovered, People: we gather to sing our Advent songs. Leader: From places still hidden in plain sight, People: we gather to read our Advent texts. Leader: From places tangled with disappointment, People: we gather to share our Advent prayers.	

* GLORIA PATRI

REGENT SQUARE

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Light of light; our Star, our Sun.

* 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.

** Please stand as you are able.*

MEDITATION AND PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:	Isaiah 11:1-10	Theo Pitt
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
GOSPEL LESSON:	Luke 1:46b-55	Marion Weathers
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION		Dr. Edwards
OFFERTORY HYMN 160:	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	ES IST EIN ROS
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Mr. Mauk
OFFERTORY: Bring A Torch		arr. Michael Tyree
MEDITATION:	“Making Room for Peace”	Dr. Grammer

MAGNIFICAT (RV610)

by Antonio Vivaldi (1678 – 1741)

I. CHORUS

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

My soul magnifies the Lord.

II. SOLI AND CHORUS

*Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: ecce
enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes
generationes. Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens
est et sanctum nomen ejus.*

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior.
For he has regarded the low estate of his
handmaiden: for behold, henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed. For he who is mighty has
done great things to me; and holy is his name.

III. CHORUS

*Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies,
timentibus eum.*

And his mercy is on them who fear him from
generation to generation.

IV. CHORUS

*Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit
superbos mente cordis sui.*

He has shown strength with his arm; he has
scattered the proud, even the arrogant of heart.

V. CHORUS

*Deposuit potentes de sede,
et exaltavit humiles.*

He has deposed the mighty from their seats,
and exalted the humble.

VI. DUET

*Esurientes implevit bonis:
et divites dimisit inanes.*

The hungry he has filled with good things
and the rich he has sent empty away.

VII. CHORUS

*Suscepit Israel puerum suum,
recordatus misericordiae suae.*

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy.

VIII. TRIO

*Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.*

As it was spoken to our fathers,
to Abraham and his seed forever.

IX. CHORUS

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum, Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Translation by Ron Jeffers

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Edwards

We believe in the God of Mary's Magnificat. Our souls magnify the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God, our savior. For the Mighty One has done great things for us. Holy is God's name. Indeed, God's mercy is for those who fear him, from generation to generation. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 135: "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

MERLE'S TUNE

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Grammer

* POSTLUDE: In dulci jubilo (BWV 729)

Johann Sebastian Bach

The poinsettias and wreaths that adorn the sanctuary and the doors of the church are given to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones. The creche and scenery were given to the glory of God and in memory of Maggie Brown Branch and Glenda Branch Murray.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Lisa Meadows
Minister to Children

Zack Ross
Organist

Duffy Ward
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Lakeside Website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

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Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ; thus, it is a season of both joyous and solemn expectation. The liturgical color is purple, symbolic of a spirit of preparation.

Making Room: Advent & Christmas at Lakeside. Advent is the season that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. We must make room for Christ's life and message in our lives as we hear these stories of hope, peace, joy, and love once more. And as we make room for that message individually, we also make room as a church family for Christ to come into our midst, as we welcome others in Christ's name, this season and always. All are welcome here, and we will make room for you.

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.

LAKESIDE FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Breckenridge Retirement Center, 2500 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Sheila Whitley, Room 156

Kitty Askins Hospice Center, 107 Handley Park Ct., Goldsboro, NC 27534

Joyce Cuthrell (JC Cuthrell's mother)

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

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

At Home

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

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver St., Greenville, SC 29601

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

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (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

Our Members-at-Home

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy, Apt. S210, Durham, 27705

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, HeartFields, 1050 Crescent Green Dr., Cary,
NC 27518

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Many families in our community struggle during the holiday season. If you would like to help a family in our community celebrate Christmas, please send monetary donations marked for "Christmas Families" by December 12. These funds will be offered to a local charity to distribute to families in need.

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.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Worship, with Vilvaldi's *Magnificat*,
Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Depart for Moravian Lovefeast

NO PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 8

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

Wednesday, December 10

10:30 a.m. At the Table, *Benvenue Country Club*

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

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

Thursday, December 11

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

Sunday, December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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*

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons & Carols, *Sanctuary*

7:15 p.m. Topnotcher's Party, *1412 Jeremy Ln.*

7:15 p.m. Music Ministry Party, *300 Wildwood Ave.*

NO PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Join us on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Lakeside Ringers, and lay readers share the story of Christ's birth in scripture and in song. Childcare will be provided.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

This year we will host the Longest Night Service, a service of remembrance and renewal, on the longest night of the year: Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. This service will provide a space of prayer and support for anyone coping with loss, grief, depression, or those who simply need some quiet time for reflection during the stressful holiday season. Participants from several area churches as well as chaplains in our community will join us. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend.

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.
