



Making Room...



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

*December 28, 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

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Edwards

CHORAL INTROIT: From "Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.

*Isaac Watts*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 148: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELIS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Justin Sykes

Leader: Christmas calls us to believe that the Messiah comes to us and for us.

**People: We believe. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Christmas calls us to recognize that the Messiah brings light to dispel darkness and hope to those who do not know peace.

**People: We behold him. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Christmas calls us to experience the Messiah in our midst and to see in him the face of God.

**People: We welcome him. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Christmas calls us to proclaim that the Messiah has come.

**All: Arise, shine; for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

\* GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

\* 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.**

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Leader: Most Loving God, because you knew how twisted and subject to evil our humanity had become, you sent us your Holy Son.

**People: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he has saved us from our sins.**

Leader: Because you have stood in our shoes and understand how difficult it is to live by the rule of love in an often cold, unfeeling, and ruthless world,

**People: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he is this very day saving us from all our sins.**

Leader: Because you have given us a gracious spirit, forgiving those who sin against us, and you call us to a ministry of reconciliation in a fractured world,

**People: We proclaim him Jesus, our Savior, for he will save our world from its many sins.**

Leader: God of Christmas grace, forgive and renew us all, that our lives may declare the wonders of that Holy Love that has called us out of darkness into glorious light.

*(pause for silent confession)*

**MEDITATION**

EPISTLE LESSON:

Hebrews 2:10-18

Lisa Meadows

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

CHORAL ADORATION: From "The Work of Christmas"

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins. *H. Thurman*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Edwards

\* OFFERTORY HYMN 149: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

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

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Mauk

OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

\* DOXOLOGY

AWAY IN A MANGER

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**PROCLAMATION**

SOLO: "The Work of Christmas"

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

*Howard Thurman*

*Jacob McCain, tenor*

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 2:13-23

Dr. Edwards

## RESPONSE

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Edwards

**We believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel which began in Bethlehem.**

**We believe in the One whose spirit glorified a little town, of whose coming only the shepherds saw the sign, for whom the crowded inn could find no room; and for whom the wise men bowed in wonder.**

**We believe in him whose life changed the course of history, whose love transformed our own lives, and whose grace redeemed us from sin and death.**

**We believe that he brought joy to the world and offers peace to us all. Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 167: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN Dr. Edwards

\* POSTLUDE Mr. Ross

*The poinsettias and wreaths that adorn the sanctuary and the doors of the church are given to the glory of God and in memory 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*

Daniel Edwards  
*Acolyte*

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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***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:

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

**Charlotte Gilliam**, Room 205

**Wilson Medical Center Rehab, 1705 Tarboro Street, Wilson, NC 27893**

**Lois Creech** (Doug Edwards' aunt), Room 8

**ECU Health Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835**

**Pat Judge**, ICU

**At Home**

**Lois Abernathy**, 3362 S NC 581, Spring Hope, NC 27882-8415

**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 Street, Greenville,  
SC 29601

**Michelle Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Ethel Hines**, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

**Celab Marrow**, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

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

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

**Cornelia Singletary**, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

**Patricia Taylor** (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

**Barbara Valentine**, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

**Our Members-at-Home**

**Ester McKnight** (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living,  
650 Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

**David Ozment**, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

**Sheila Whitley**, Breckenridge, 2500 Hunter Hill Road, Room 156 (04)

*We offer our sympathy to JC & Dawn Cuthrell and their family in the death of JC's mother, Joyce Cuthrell, on December 27. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.*

### HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

If you have not yet completed your giving plan card, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Lakeside for 2026 and turn in your card to the church office this month. We *BELONG* together!

### THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

**Sunday, December 28**

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

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

**Thursday, January 1**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**

**Sunday, January 4**

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*,  
2181 Lawrence Circle

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sunday, January 4**

**Continue the Communion**  
after worship, *El Jimador*

**Tuesday, January 6**

**Lakeside Ladies Book Club**  
4:00 p.m., Parlor

**Wednesday, January 7**

**Dove Notes**

10:30 a.m., Conference Room

**Thursday, January 8**

**Needles & Prayers**  
10:00 a.m., Parlor

**Sunday, January 11**

**Ministry Team Organizational Luncheon**  
after worship, Robbins Hall

**Monday, January 12**

**Circle 10**

11:00 a.m., Lecture Room

**Sunday, January 18**

**Deacon Ordination & Installation**  
during worship

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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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