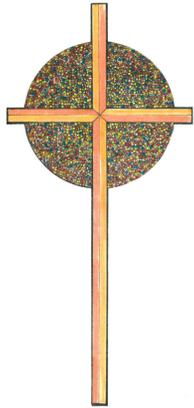




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LENT 2020 A LENTEN MOSAIC: LIVING IN GRACE

April 5, 2020 ☩ Palm Sunday

Lessons: Psalm 118; Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Sustaining Grace"

Anthem: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"- Martin

Alleluia Choir: "Sanctus" - Hopson

The sermon will be posted on our website on Sunday.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

A LENTEN MOSAIC: LIVING IN GRACE

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed a devotion this season. Your thoughts, your stories, and your prayers are ways that we can continue to be "one in the spirit" even when we are not together during these challenging days. We invite others of you to also contribute a devotion about your experience of grace. You may share a favorite hymn, poem, or write your own inspirational story or verse. You may sketch a picture of "amazing grace" or submit a photograph of grace in action. We encourage you to include scripture, a prayer, or a blessing with your devotion. Send your devotion to the church at lakesiderm@embarqmail.com or edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com.



UPDATES

We continue to follow the advice of health officials and elected leaders who have asked that we refrain from all gatherings and stay at home. We have reduced our office hours to 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day. This schedule allows us to continue to publish *The Link* and respond to other needs of the congregation.

We ask that you keep us informed of any needs you have or know about. Please also read *The Link* carefully for the information it contains. Look for special emails or FaceBook posts. Also, visit our website where you will find plenty of information, including a recording of each week's sermon.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Today marks the fifteenth anniversary of Linda Davis' ministry at Lakeside. Linda joined our staff at a critical time when we needed someone to fill the role of Administrative Assistant. Throughout the years, Linda has worked effectively as her responsibilities grew with our ministries. She has been, not only an efficient staff member, but a caring friend to everyone in our congregation.

We are grateful for Linda's commitment to our ministry and her care for our congregation. Please thank her for all that she means to Lakeside.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

The Gardens of Nashville, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Ann Battle

Duke Medical Center, Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710

Joe Stanton

At Home:

Leona Brock (Leslie Paszek's mother) 345 Old Coach Road (04)

Clayton Brown (Doris Booth's brother), 2609 Taylor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321

Margaret Carpenter, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Brody Cuthrell, 4412 Powell's Point Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Sue Daughety, 6131 Downs Ridge Road, Whitakers, NC 27891

Meghan Davis, 1305 Sunset Drive, Greensboro, NC 27804

Scott Farber (Patty Schirman's brother), 11218 S. Utah, Davenport, Iowa 52802

Agnes Fore (J.N. Willcox's sister-in-law), 177 Forest View Rd., Surgoinsville, TN

Erin McAuliffe, 34 Winders Creek (04)

David Ozment (Debbie and Tim Ozment's son), 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

Nancy Pridgen, 3731 Loblolly Drive (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Frank Rountree, 76 Mill Pond Road, Gatesville, NC 27938

Vena Scott, 2324 41st Street, Apt. 355, Wilmington, NC 28403

Judy Wallace, 49 Mockingbird Lane (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Carlton Kimbro, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

Jane Abbottt, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

We rejoice with Allison and Eric Tolston in the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Morgan, on March 28. Karla and John Willcox are Adelaide's grandparents. J.N. Willcox is her proud great-grandfather.

We are grateful for every expression of support and care following my dad's death. You were always gracious in asking about him in recent years. The flower arrangement sent from the church was a beautiful expression of your love for us. Both of my parents loved this congregation. Thank you for all of the ways you love us.
Jody and Deborah Wright

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed goodies for us to share with healthcare workers. Snacks were delivered to Boice-Willis Walk-In Clinic, UNC Nash Hospital, and to the pharmacists at Walgreens and Almand's Drugs.

We continue to deliver food for Backpack Buddies each week. We are in need of a few temporary volunteers who can help with picking up the food order from Fred's and packing bags once per month. If you are available to help, please contact Elizabeth.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist our older members with food deliveries and running errands. We will continue to check in each week with people who may need assistance and call on volunteers to help as needed.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who joined in the Virtual Youth Group meeting on Sunday night. Congratulations to Jiho and Daniel for winning the Around-the-House Scavenger Hunt! We will continue to look for ways to connect with one another and to our faith during these unusual times. Stay safe and well. Elizabeth

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY

Join us online on Palm Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m., for a Family Online Treasure Hunt! Families of all shapes, sizes, and age ranges are invited to participate. We will need an accurate email address for you to play. To sign up and receive instructions, please email the church office at lakesiderm@embarqmail.com or Elizabeth at edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com.

We will miss being together for our regular Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and festivities, but we can still come together to "hunt" for the significance of Holy Week for our faith.

#BeTheChurch

Last week, a packet of family-focused worship experiences, activities, and mission project ideas was sent out by email to the families of Lakeside's youth and children, as well as some of you whose grandchildren have been involved in some of our activities. We encourage you to use these resources to #BeTheChurch as you learn and grow together in faith. If you did not receive the packet and would like to have one emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

One of the projects included in the packet is for the youth and children to decorate yard signs with Bible verses and positive messages to offer encouragement around our community. Each family is asked to make at least two signs: one for your own yard and one to share with another church member. If you do not have a child involved in our programs and would like to receive one of their signs to display at your home or business, contact the church office. We will distribute signs as they are completed, beginning next week.

MUSIC NOTES

Did you know you can enjoy the music of our Chancel Choir from all mobile and streaming devices by accessing the recording *Sing through Me, Lord of Life* online through iTunes or Spotify? Just click on the links below or call the church office to have a CD mailed to you for \$15 each. All proceeds support the Lakeside music program.

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/sing-through-me-lord-of-life/1436218288>

<https://open.spotify.com/album/0FnZ9TxNJGwes9L96XrCre> Amy

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$153,812
Through March 29	\$7,890	\$112,015
Variance	-\$3,942	-\$41,797

During this time when we cannot gather for worship, please mail or draft your offerings to the church. Your generosity is critical to ensure that our ministries continue under challenging circumstances.

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

- Sunday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Listen to the sermon on Lakeside's website.
Pray for our church and all churches during this time.
- Monday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Call a friend to check on them.
Pray for the healthcare workers who are caring for us all.
- Tuesday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Send a card, text, or email to a friend to encourage them.
Pray for our leaders here and around the world.
- Wednesday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Check on a neighbor to see if they need anything.
Pray for teachers and children who are learning from home.
- Thursday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Call another member of our church to say hello.
Pray for people who are working from home or laid off.
- Friday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Send a card, text, or email to a family member to support them.
Pray for researchers to discover a vaccine and cure for Covid-19.
- Saturday:** Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Do something special for yourself today.
Pray for your own well-being.