



The Link

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WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

November 15, 2020 ✚ The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "He Who Has Gets More?"

Anthem: "You Are My Fortress" arr. Hamilton

Sadie Ponte, soloist

Each week, a video of our worship service is available on the home page of our website. Previous worship services are also available on the "Worship Videos" page. Please visit www.lakesidechurchmt.org and join us for worship!



ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

This year's Advent theme is "Come, Christmas . . ." and throughout the season we will focus on the gifts which Christ's coming brings to the world:

The First Sunday of Advent: Come, Hope . . .

The Hanging of the Greens

The Second Sunday of Advent: Come, Love . . .

An audio recording of a previous presentation of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* will be posted on our website for you to enjoy.

The Third Sunday of Advent: Come, Joy . . .

Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* with harpist and women's quintet

The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Come, Peace . . .

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve: Come, Christ . . .

Communion and welcoming Christ

We want to be together again for worship. The Diaconate has discussed this matter continuously since March. We have consulted guidance from medical and civic leaders and relied upon the information, insight and guidance of Lakeside physicians. With the rise in infection rates, hospitalizations, and deaths in our community, there is unanimous agreement that it is not wise to gather at this time.

Advent will look different, but will be meaningful. Our Hanging of the Greens service will take place virtually. We encourage you to come to the church the week before November 29 and place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one. Our children and their families are making Chrismons to add to our Chrismon tree. If possible, we hope to have a brief outdoor communion service and sharing of the light on Christmas Eve. Good news: regardless of the pandemic, Christmas comes!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Wake Medical Center, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

Shirley Hayes (Dolores Costa's cousin)

At Home:

Jennifer Cobb, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

Ricky Cobb, 3417 Brookview Drive (04)

Dolores Costa, 3540 Mansfield Drive (03)

Chuck Daniel (Brenda & Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Lib Dawes (Linda Dawes Lee's mother), 213 Charlotte Street (04)

Doug Edwards, 4699 Morland Drive, Battleboro, N.C. 27809

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

Roger Harris, 3126 W. Hampton Drive (04)

Glenda Hortman (Karla Willcox's mother) 1820 Willow Glynn Road (04)

Michael Ingram, 6131 Downs Ridge Road, Whitakers, NC 27891

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

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

Joe Stanton, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

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

Our Members-at-Home

Joyce Siler, 1575 John Knox Drive PB-206, Colfax, NC 27235

Barbara Harris, 161 Irene Court Unit-3, Box-9 (04)

Doris Booth, 206 Clifton Road (04)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to everyone who supported our blood drive. Our goal was 17 donations but there were 27 donations by the end of the evening. Each "gift" can save up to three lives. We also appreciate the gift of time and energy given by our volunteers: Angela Allen and Mary McAdams.

SHARE WITH US YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONS

This year's Advent theme is "Come, Christmas . . ." and throughout the season we will focus on the gifts which Christ's coming brings to the world.

This year, we have had more time to look out our windows and appreciate the views. Has God come to you while taking in the view from your window? Have you learned something about yourself, others, or God's creation while paying more attention to your surroundings? For Advent, we want you to share a view from your window which has become meaningful, comforting, enlightening, or inspiring. Go to a window in your home, office, retreat, or other location where you often spend time. Give thanks or reflect on some of the blessings in your life and some of the lessons you have learned during this pandemic. In an Advent devotion, share your thoughts and reflections, as well as a photo or sketch of the view from your window. Send your devotions and pictures by Friday, November 27 to lakesiderm@embarqmail.com so we can share them daily during Advent. Come, Christmas

YOUTH NEWS

All youth and children are invited to join us for our Zoom call to Meet the Missionaries this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. We will meet Lakeside's own Anna and LaCount Anderson and learn about the important work they are doing with people who live in poverty right here in Eastern North Carolina and how we can participate in their work to share the love of Christ near and far. This month's family activity packets will go out by email later this week. If you have not yet responded about helping to make and deliver Advent wreaths to some of our members at home, please email me or contact the church office as soon as possible. Continue to stay safe and well. Elizabeth

AT-HOME ADVENT WREATHS

The Lakeside kids will help make and deliver small Advent wreaths for at-home use during the Advent season. If you would like a wreath so that you can light your own candles each week during worship, please call the church office no later than Friday, November 20. We will contact you to schedule a delivery.

MUSIC NOTES

To all the little Cherubs, I hope you are practicing shining your little light. I look forward to receiving your videos no later than this Friday, November 13. If you or your Cherub need some help with this process, I am available to help with singing and recording in the music suite on Thursday between 3-5 p.m. Email me to reserve a time slot. To the young ladies in Alleluia Choir, keep exploring the Acapella app and we will go over details of your individual recordings in Sunday's Zoom call.

Our Meditation Group will meet next Thursday, November 19 at noon in the sanctuary. Amy

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

| | Week | YTD |
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| Anticipated Giving | \$11,832 | \$532,427 |
| Through November 8 | \$19,930 | \$439,760 |
| Variance | +\$8,098 | -\$91,667 |

As the end of the year draws closer, it is vitally important that we all do our part in meeting the financial needs of the church. Let us all be generous in funding our ministry to which we committed a year ago.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE BALLOTS

Last week, all members of the congregation received a packet with information about three motions offered by our Diaconate: 1) approval of the proposed 2021 Ministry Plan, 2) approval to keep all current committees, including Deacons, in place for 2021, thus extending all terms for one year, and 3) authorization for the church Trustees to apply for a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program (or an equivalent) if offered again. These motions are included on a ballot which should be returned to the church by November 15. If you did not receive a packet of information, please call the church office.

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CHURCH STAFF

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| Jody Wright Senior Minister | Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister | Amy Shortt Minister of Music |
| Liz Broomell Administrative Assistant | Diana Kirkpatrick Organist | Linda Davis Secretarial Assistant |
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MAKE A CHRISMON

We are inviting our families with children to make two Chrismons, one to put on the tree at church and the other to decorate your own tree. Two Chrismon-making kits are available to pick up from church. Call the church office before you come to make sure a kit is available and please make your ornaments and return the kit to church in a timely fashion so that it will be available for another family to take home. We also want you to bring your Chrismon to Lakeside and place it on the tree the week prior to Sunday, November 29. Take a picture and send it in an email to Jody (wrightjody@embarqmail.com) so we can share it during our Hanging of the Greens service.

S'MORE HOPE...S'MORE CURES...S'MORE LOVE

There are many s'more kits available at church for you to pick up so you can enjoy these tasty treats at home with your family since we won't be able to enjoy them together at the Taylor's. Many of you have already made a donation to Polka Dot Mama Foundation and Relay for Life; others of you may still wish to contribute. All of you are encouraged to stop by church and get some s'mores as you share your hope for more cures for cancer and your love for all those who have been affected by this disease.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Advent, complete the form included in *The Link* and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, November 15. Please include payment with your order. You will be offered an opportunity to come to the church and place your poinsettia on the chancel during the week before the first Sunday of Advent, which is November 29.

SPONSORS FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

If you would like to help a family in our community celebrate Christmas, please send monetary donations marked for "Christmas Families."

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Advent, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Sunday, November 15. Please include payment with your order.

Total number @ \$13.00 each: _____ Total Cost: \$ _____

In memory of:

In honor of:

Given by:

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THANK YOU.**