



The Link

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WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

December 6, 2020 ✚ The Second Sunday of Advent

Lessons: Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 1:26-45

Sermon: "Come Love . . ."

Anthems:

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" - Manz

"Love Came Down at Christmas" - Helvey

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" - ES IST EIN ROS

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.lakesidechurchrmt.org and join us for worship!



ADVENT DEVOTIONS: THE VIEW FROM YOUR WINDOW

For Advent devotions this year, we want you to share something meaningful, comforting, enlightening, or inspiring that has been prompted by something you have seen or experienced this past year. The idea is to reflect on what you see when you look out your "window" onto the world. Go to a window in your home, office, retreat, or other location where you often spend time. In a devotion, share your thoughts and reflections, as well as a photo or sketch of the view from your window. Send your devotions and pictures to lakesiderm@embarqmail.com so we can share them daily during Advent. Come, Christmas . . .



MUSIC FOR THE SEASON

We all love to hear the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* at this time of year. On our website, we have provided the audio recording of the 2016 service when this musical gift was presented to our congregation. Visit the home page of our website and look for the instructions that invite you to listen to *Messiah*.

On December 13, we will be given another musical gift in the presentation of Benjamin Britten's, *A Ceremony of Carols*. See Amy's article on page 3 of this newsletter for more information about this profound work.



2021 MINISTRY GIVING PLANS

Each household has receive Giving Plan cards in the mail. Please take some time to think and pray about your financial support of our ministry for the coming year. Complete and return the card to the church as soon as possible. Your participation helps us prepare for the coming year.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Kathleen Andersen (Richie Cobb's relative)

Barbara Barnes, 101 Briarwood Court, Tarboro, NC 27886

Jennifer Cobb, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

Ricky Cobb, 3417 Brookview Drive (04)

Chuck Daniel (Brenda & Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

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

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)

Nancy Pridgen, 3727 Loblolly Drive (04)

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

Mae Joyner, 700 Drexel Road (03)

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, Stoneridge, 105 Convention Drive Apt. 434, Cary, NC 27511

Joyce Dickens, 128 Timberlane Road (04)

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Wayne Trull who died on November 28. Wayne was a member of Lakeside for 48 years.

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING CANCELLED

Thank you to those of you who have inquired about our Youth Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser and the many of you who have supported our youth in this effort over the years. We have explored several options but have decided there is not a way for us to do the event safely in a confined space. We look forward to resuming next year.

LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, December 8, as we meet by Zoom and discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Terry Martin will facilitate our discussion. Please email Deborah (deborahwright@embarqmail.com) so we can add your email address to the Zoom invitation list.

MEDITATION GROUP

Our Meditation Group will meet this Thursday, December 3, at noon in the sanctuary. Please wear your mask and enter through the narthex.

YOUTH NEWS

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! You should have started receiving your daily Virtual Advent Calendar texts. Each day, I will send a Bible verse and idea for an act of kindness you can do with or for your family. We will have Sunday morning Zoom meetings for the youth and children on December 6 and 13 at 11:00 a.m. and then break for a couple of weeks for the Christmas holidays. Many thanks to all of the families who assisted with videos for the Hanging of the Greens service. It was a beautiful and meaningful service because of your participation. We will begin a fun Family Photo Scavenger Hunt next week. Get your cameras ready and watch for more details. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

As Christmas approaches this year, we have an opportunity to enjoy one of English composer Benjamin Britten's most delightful works: *A Ceremony of Carols*. The circumstances surrounding Britten's composition were difficult, both personally and professionally. He had fled to the United States at the advent of the war in 1939. During his three years living in Brooklyn, he met a cast of America's most influential artists, writers, and performers including Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein. By 1942 the mood in New York had changed, and a homesick Britten felt it was time to return home. His journey across the Atlantic Ocean, infested with U-boats, was dangerous; nevertheless, Britten was able to compose. He completed his *Hymn to Saint Cecilia* and began to arrange Christmas carols found in a book of poetry he had picked up in Nova Scotia before boarding the ship. The result was *A Ceremony of Carols*, a turning point for Britten, marking a return to his English roots and the development of a more populist and melodic style. Written for harp and treble voices, *A Ceremony of Carols* begins with an unaccompanied procession, "Hodie Christus natus est" translated, "Today Christ is Born." The harp joins the choir for a series of carols (in their original 15th and 16th century language) telling the traditional story of the birth of Christ. We will have the pleasure of hearing this wonderful work during worship on December 13. Amy

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."

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$567,922
Through November 29	\$6,975	\$461,210
Variance	-\$4,857	-\$106,712

As we enter our final month of giving for 2020, it is important that each of us considers how to help complete the funding for the ministries of our congregation. Together we accomplish a great deal. Together we share the love of Christ throughout our community. Together we are the Body of Christ in this place.

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MORAVIAN LOVEFEAST

For many years, we have taken a group of Lakesiders to Winston-Salem for the Moravian Lovefeast at Wake Forest University. Fortunately, this year's Lovefeast will be held virtually, and you will have the opportunity to participate this Sunday evening, December 6, by streaming the service online at <https://lovefeast.wfu.edu>. The prelude begins at 5:45 p.m. with the service to follow. On the website you can find more details about the service and the Moravian tradition. If you prefer, you can join us for a watch party on the Lakeside Facebook page, where you will be able to interact virtually with other members of the congregation as we watch together. If you are on Facebook, be sure to like or follow our page to receive notification of the watch party. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

Looking for that perfect gift or stocking-stuffer? Give a gift that supports further ministry! Each of the following items is available in our church office:

Window on the World: A Life of Lakeside Baptist Church
 by Daphne O'Brien - \$30.00

Choir CDs - 1 @ \$10.00, 3 @ \$25.00, 5 @ \$40.00

Lakeside Favorites ❖ *Part I of Handel's Messiah* ❖ *Sing through Me*

Sing Through Me giclee prints by artist Marion Weathers

7"x7" print - \$20.00 ❖ 11"x11" print - \$40.00

Another Taste of Lakeside cookbook by Circle 10 - \$20

Honor Cards featuring artwork by NC artist William Mangum

\$5 each - benefits the shelters and programs of United Community Ministries