



The Link

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WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

December 13, 2020 ✚ The Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:46-56

Sermon: "Come, Joy . . ."

Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*

Vonda Darr, harpist ✧ Women's Quintet

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!



GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS

Almost sixteen years ago, Linda Davis became our Administrative Assistant and brought her good humor, positive attitude, care for other people, and office skills back to the church where she grew up. Over the years, Linda has helped to keep our ministry running smoothly while giving completely of herself to help meet the needs that arise. She has been an important part of our Lakeside family.

Linda has let us know that it is time for her to retire at the end of the year. While we will certainly miss her being here, we can only offer our gratitude for all she has done for us and heartfelt blessing for everything that yet lies ahead. Please let Linda know how much you appreciate her and her ministry with us.



2021 MINISTRY GIVING PLANS

Each household has received Giving Plan cards in the mail. Please take 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.



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 . . .

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

Leo Bishop, 3801 Woodlawn Road (04)

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)

Dena Dribin (Deb Parker's mother), Hospice Care in Chicago, IL

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

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

Surgoinsville, TN

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

Kathy Hutcheson, c/o The Wards, 332 Iron Horse Road (04)

Jeff Lucas, 3628 Colonial Lane (04)

Nancy Pridgen, 3727 Loblolly Drive (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Frank Rountree (Anna Anderson's brother-in-law), 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

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

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Martha Tuttle, Morningside of Rock Hill, 1830 West Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29732

We offer our sympathy to Cameron, Linda, Cam, and Trevor Graham and their family in the death of Cameron's mother, of Fort Mill, S.C. on December 6.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$579,754
Through December 6	\$9,119	\$470,329
Variance	-\$2,713	-\$109,425

As we complete our giving for 2020, it is essential 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. Together we will fulfill our commitment.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who participated in Sunday's Zoom call and for a great discussion. Our last 2020 Zoom meeting for youth and children will be this-coming Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Watch your texts and email each day for your Virtual Advent Calendar. Our Family Photo Scavenger Hunt begins today! Check for clues each day, and send in your silly, funny, creative photos and videos! Good luck to everyone taking exams next week! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

For worship this Sunday, a women's ensemble along with harpist, Vonda Darr, will present Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. This iconic musical work is performed around the world during this season. Britten used a collection of poems written in middle English with some Latin and early modern English. For example "Wolcum for whom we sall sing!" is translated, "Welcome to whom we shall sing!" The text and essential translations will be included in the Order of Worship. Brief notes about each movement follow. May this resource enhance your listening experience and this music bring you joy and delight. Amy

NOTES ON THE SONGS OF BRITTEN'S A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Procession is a Gregorian chant sung in unison to the Latin text "Hodie Christus natus est" meaning, "Today Christ is born." *Wolcum Yole!* an upbeat, festive piece intended to welcome the audience as guests coming to celebrate the season. *There Is No Rose* presents a more reverent tone as the choir admires the beauty of the birth of Christ in a soft, prayerful manner. *That Young Child* consists of a soprano solo and continues the reverent tone from the previous piece but in a recitative style. *Balulalow* has an overall more jubilant tone and is meant to paint the image of the Virgin Mary singing a lullaby for baby Jesus. *As Dew in Aprille* switches the focus from baby Jesus to the Virgin Mary. Throughout this gentle, soothing piece, the voices overlap creating an echo or shimmering effect as dew sparkling on the grass in the morning sunlight. *This Little Babe* contrasts with every other piece up to this point taking a much darker approach by depicting, through swift tempo, polyrhythms and overlapping voice segments, a battle between Baby Jesus and Satan (good and evil). The song grows progressively louder and reaches a climax with an intense key change and conflicting rhythms. *Interlude*, a harp solo, creates a sense of angelic bliss with slow tempo and soft nature. *In Freezing Winter Night*, an echo effect in the voices along with contrasting movement in the harp symbolize the discord on earth before and during Christ's birth. Gradually voices and harp synchronize reflecting the hope of the future and the harmony Christ brings. *Spring Carol* is a duet between two sopranos that depicts the signs of spring and a call to thank God for new life. *Deo gracias (Thanks be to God)* depicts the Genesis passage and the fall of humanity as Eve is tricked into eating the fruit. The text refers to this as a "happy fault" or "Blessed be the time the appil taken was." The choir becomes emphatic in its thanks to God! *Recessional (Hodie Christus natus est)* is a near mirror of *Processional*, but this time accompanied by the harp.

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MERRY WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

For the past two years several of Lakeside's women have gathered for Women's Christmas, a custom rooted in Ireland that originated as a day when the women took Epiphany as an occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays. Women's Christmas offers an opportunity to pause and step back from the busyness of the Christmas season and spend time in reflection before moving forward into a new year. Although we won't be able to travel together to Warrenton this year, Mary Catherine Harris will once again lead us on our journey. We will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, January 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and again on Wednesday, January 13 at the same time. This year's theme is "What The Light Shines Through" and invites us to "ponder the practices by which wholeness happens" and to focus on the work of mending, restoration, and healing. If you would like to learn more about Women's Christmas or sign up to participate please email Deborah Wright (deborahwright@embarqmail.com).

CHRISTMAS JOY FOR HEARTWORKS

While we are still trying to find creative ways to stay connected with our heARTw♥rks kids and families, we have found that virtual tutoring is virtually impossible! We have suspended online tutoring for now and will reassess after the holidays. Many of you have contributed generously to this ministry in the past and continue to do so. We are extremely grateful for a recent donation which allowed us to purchase Food Lion gift cards for our families at Thanksgiving and Walmart/VISA gift cards for parents to use during the Christmas season. Our heARTw♥rks families have expressed their appreciation for our Lakeside congregation and would like to offer their Christmas blessings to our family of faith for its continuing support and ministry during these challenging times.