



The Link

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ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

O Christ: Hoping and Waiting for Emmanuel

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 11:00 a.m.

O Morning Star, Come and Cheer Our Spirits

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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 17, 6:00 p.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols Telling the Story of Jesus' Birth
Chancel and Children's Choirs ♦ Lakeside Ringers and String Quartet

We Depend on You and Your Gifts!

As of December 10, we have collected \$447,940 in support of our 2023 ministries. We will need to receive \$113,982 by December 31 to meet all of our obligations which we all voted to support last fall and again this past spring. We are a generous congregation and take our calling and responsibility seriously. Please do your part to fund fully all of our efforts to share the love of God in Christ!

**IF YOU HAVE DIRECTED STOCK SALES OR DISTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CHURCH FOR ANY OFFERING, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are changing how we distribute offering envelopes since now we give in a variety of ways. Unless you use envelopes each week for your offering, you will not receive a box of envelopes for next year. Instead, you will receive the number of envelopes you tend to use. For example, someone who donates monthly will receive 15 envelopes. Someone who gives quarterly will receive seven. Those who no longer use envelopes will not receive any. This change will result in significant savings.

Your new envelopes will be available in the narthex beginning this Sunday, December 17. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Stan Ford, 1103 Belvins Trace Drive, Durham, NC 27703

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother), 2957 Tillinghast Trail, Raleigh, NC 27613

David Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Tim and Debbie Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

Brandon Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Joe Warner, 137 Steeplechase Road (04)

Bill Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Our Members-at-Home

John Capiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106, Room 534

Margaret Carpenter, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Daisy Howell, The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Dr., Rm. 512 (04)

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

David Ozment, The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road, Room 308A (04)

We offer our sympathy to Harlon Mosley and his family in the death of his wife Margaret on December 2.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following persons who joined Lakeside on December 10 by transfer of their membership from sister congregations:

Lois Abernathy is the mother of Ginny Etheridge and has participated in worship and other activities at Lakeside for many years. She lives in Spring Hope.

Joan and Jim Ashby are long-time residents of Rocky Mount. Joan is the sister of Betty Lane Winslow and is a retired teacher. Jim retired from the banking industry. They have been faithful members of our Chancel Choir for many months.

GIVE A LAKESIDE GIFT!

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

Window on the World: A Life of Lakeside Baptist Church

by Daphne O'Brien - \$30.00

Choir CDs - 1 @ \$8.00, 3 @ \$20.00

*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 - \$10

Honor Cards featuring artwork by NC artist William Mangum - \$5 each

YOUTH NEWS

Best of luck to everyone who is taking exams this week! I hope you all finish the semester strong and enjoy a wonderful holiday break.

We are in need of youth to assist with greeting and lighting candles at the service on Sunday evening. Please meet in the narthex no later than 5:10 p.m. to rehearse. Also, mark your calendar to join us for our holiday lock-in on December 29. This year's Christmas party and Goofy Gift Exchange will be part of the lock-in, so be on the lookout for a fun gag gift (holiday attire costing \$10 or less). I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Our Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will take place this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. with the prelude music beginning at 5:50 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful service, featuring both new and familiar carols performed by Lakeside's musicians and guest string quartet!

Call times for this Sunday are as follows: Lakeside Ringers at 4:45 p.m., Chancel Choir & Children's Choir at 5:00 p.m. Children's choir will meet with Lori Joyner in the music suite to get robes before coming to the sanctuary. Jake

MERRY WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

Join us on Tuesday, January 23, as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season with friends. Readings and images created by Jan Richardson will help us reflect upon and re-imagine our lives as we explore the theme, "In the Light of a New Constellation." Richardson writes, "We each come to times when we need to reinvent ourselves—when we have to dream anew of what our life might look like and what it would take to create it again." This year's Women's Christmas retreat will offer us a space to pray, share together, and discover how God allows the pieces to come together in unexpected ways.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Wayne Cotton and Carol Taylor
Ushers - Group III - Alicia Hamrick, Captain
Acolyte - Kerrigan Stinson

Worship is live on our homepage and YouTube channel at 11:00 a.m., but we love having you with us in the sanctuary!

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,922

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$10,806	\$540,310	\$574,077
Through December 10	\$14,843	\$445,630	\$447,400
Variance	+\$4,037	-\$94,680	-\$126,677

IT IS THE SEASON OF GIVING! REMEMBER LAKESIDE!

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 13

10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

Sunday, December 17

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Study Groups, Education Building
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Pulpit Search Committee, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

CALLING ALL TOPNOTCHERS

You are invited to a Christmas Party following the Candlelight Service on December 17 at the home of the Skinners, 604 Chad Street. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship! Call the church office to sign up. Let us know if you need a ride.

FLOWER CALENDAR

You may reserve dates for altar and narthex floral arrangements by signing up on the 2024 Flower Calendar in the office hallway or by calling the office.