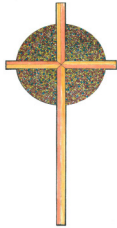




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## WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

December 24, 2020 ☩ Christmas Eve

Lessons: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "Come, Christ . . ."

Anthems: "Light a Candle Bright and Tall" - DIX

"The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon" - arr. Clawson

"Still, Still, Still" - arr. Luboff; "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" - McGimpsey

"Gesu Bambino" - Yon; "Silent Night" - STILLE NACHT

"Joy to the World" - ANTIOCH

Visits by The Innkeeper, The Wise Man, and the Shepherd

portrayed by Chuck Taylor, David Goodman, and Andrew Robillard.

The Celebration of Communion and Sharing of the Light

*Please have something to eat and drink for communion  
and candles for sharing the Light with the world.*

December 27, 2020 ☩ The First Sunday of Christmas

Lessons: Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: "A Baby Changes Everything"

Anthems: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" - DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

"Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" - Spiritual/arr. Larson

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" - arr. Willcocks

*Each week, a video of our worship service is available on the home page of our website. The Christmas Eve service will be available late in the afternoon on December 24. The December 27 service will be available early that morning. Previous worship services are also available on the "Worship Videos" page. Please visit [www.lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://www.lakesidechurchrmt.org) and join us for worship!*



## CHRISTMAS EVE AT LAKESIDE

We have been planning to offer an outdoor Christmas Eve service at the church. Unfortunately, the weather will be wet and windy and cold. Stay home, be safe and warm, and join our online worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)**

**Scott Waters**, Room COU-12

**Brandy Adkins**, Room 2W9

### At Home:

**Kathleen Andersen** (Richie Cobb's relative)

**Tillman Bailey**, 313 Stoneybrook Drive (04)

**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.  
Surgoinville, 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)

**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

**Betty Ann Waters**, 2820 Berkley Drive (03)

### Our Members-at-Home

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

**Jean Smith**, Fountains at The Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

**Ann Battle**, Gardens of Nashville, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

*Dear loving and caring Lakeside family, Thank you for the blessings of your caring calls, loving cards, and powerful prayers during this time of my heart surgery and recovery. At a time of separation from loved ones and friends, I have never felt closer to you than I have during the past few weeks. The outpouring of your love has surely helped mend my heart and has warmed and comforted my soul. My prayer for each of you is for you to experience the pure love and joy of the celebration of Christ's Birth. With love and hugs, Barbara P. Barnes*

## 2021 MINISTRY GIVING PLANS

Thus far, we have received 81 cards for a total of \$341,440 or 55% in support of next year's ministry needs. We ask each of you to indicate your support by returning your cards.

## 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2021 offering envelopes are on their way—an early gift from the church to you! If you do not receive your box, let us know and we will make sure you have your own set to use throughout the year.

**BIBLE STUDY & DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES**

Below are suggested adult resources for devotional reading and Bible study: *Sessions Series*, a book-by-book Bible study series written by current leaders in Baptist life. (Smyth & Helwys Publishers)

Downloadable resources for all ages: [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com)

*Reflections Daily Devotional Guide* (Smyth & Helwys Publishers). Contact the church office for more information.

*I Promise. Rejoice!* by Carol Boseman Taylor. Contact the church office for more information.

*Rilke's Book of Hours: Love Poems to God* by Rainer Maria Rilke (Excepts also available in *A Year With Rilke: Daily Readings* (Harper One Publishers)

*Psalms of Lament* by Ann Weems (Westminster John Knox Press)

*Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver* (Penguin Press)

These suggestions along with a list of family resources is on the Spiritual Formation page of our website. Updates will follow. Elizabeth

**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. To learn more about Women's Christmas or sign up to participate please email Deborah Wright ([deborahwright@embarqmail.com](mailto:deborahwright@embarqmail.com)).

**LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN**

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$603,417
Through December 20	\$38,385	\$523,214
Variance	+\$26,553	-\$80,203

**CHECKING YOUR LIST? DON'T FORGET LAKESIDE**

As December draws to a close, we need to demonstrate the generosity that is a hallmark of our family of faith. It is essential that each of us considers our part in fully funding the ministries of our congregation. All gifts to the church should be received by December 31. Thank you!

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Liz Broomell  
Administrative Assistant  
Susan Skinner  
Senior Adult Director

Elizabeth Edwards  
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*JOY TO THE WORLD!!!*

In

*this season,*

*and throughout the year,*

*we are mindful of what a blessing it is*

*to be a part of the Lakeside Family,*

*We thank you for every way you encourage us*

*and make serving Lakeside Baptist Church such a joy.*

*We wish for you all a joyous celebration of our Lord's birth*

*and a very happy and healthy*

*New Year!*

Jody Wright  
Linda Davis  
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