

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

Wilson Medical Center Rehab, 1705 Tarboro Street, Wilson, NC 27893

Lois Creech (Doug Edwards' aunt), Room 8

ECU Health Medical Center, 2100 Stantonburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835

Pat Judge, ICU

At Home

Lois Abernathy, 3362 S NC 581, Spring Hope, NC 27882-8415

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Joyce Cuthrell (JC Cuthrell's mother)

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Celab Marrow, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

C.B. Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

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

Barbara Valentine, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

Our Members-at-Home

Ester McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650

Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

David Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

Sheila Whitley, Breckenridge, 2500 Hunter Hill Road, Room 156 (04)

70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

These make great commemorative gifts for family and friends this holiday season! NEW SALE PRICES: Tumbler: \$15 or 2 for \$25; Mug: \$8 or 2 for \$15; Bag: \$5; OR Bundle (Bag, Mug, & Tumbler) Price: \$25.

You can also buy updated gicleé prints of Marion Weathers' artwork, the "Lehman Benediction." Costs are: \$75 for 16x20, \$50 for 11x14, and \$35 for 8x10, or 8 Notecards for \$15.

You can order these items online using the Give page of our website or in the church office.

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

You may reserve dates for altar and narthex floral arrangements by signing up on the 2026 Flower Calendar in the office hallway or by calling the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

Join us on Sunday, January 4, at 5:00 p.m., in Robbins Hall for a festive holiday celebration! We'll have dinner and our traditional Goofy Gift Exchange. Please bring the wackiest, tackiest wearable Christmas attire or accessories you can find for under \$10, wrapped and without a tag. Hope you can join us! Our regular schedule of Sunday night activities will resume on January 11. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

It has been a busy but wonderful Advent of music for our Music Ministry. I am thankful to all the musicians who help us to celebrate the season with their time, skills, and dedication. As a reminder, there are no Wednesday rehearsals until January 7th, 2026. Chancel Choir will continue to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings to prepare music for worship. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding our exciting plans for the Spring! Jake

TOPNOTCHER NEWS

Make plans to join us! Continue the Communion will be held Sunday, January 4, after worship at El Jimador (2181 Lawrence Circle). Then on the afternoon of January 6, we will visit the Dunn Center to view the Life & Art of Charles M. Schulz exhibit. Call the church office to sign up. Sue

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Linda Graham and Bill Bulluck
Ushers – Jerry Hamrick, David Parker, and Robert Sykes
Acolyte – Daniel Edwards

December 28, 2025 ♦ The First Sunday of Christmas

Lessons: Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: "Make Room for Christmas"

Anthems: "Joy to the World" – Handel

"The Work of Christmas" – Forrest

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$576,833	\$550,267
Through December 21	\$18,132	\$530,459	\$506,484
Variance	+\$6,822	-\$46,374	-\$43,783

YEAR-END GIVING

We depend on your generous giving! As of December 24, we have collected \$544,505 in support of our 2025 ministries. We will need to receive \$43,639 by the end of the year to meet all of our ministry plan goals. Please make sure to meet (or exceed!) your giving goals by December 31 so that we might end the year well financially. *If you have directed stock sales or distributions to the church for any offering, please let us know as soon as possible.*

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 28

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
11:20 a.m. Children's Church, Children's Classroom

Thursday, January 1

Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ❖ **Sunday, January 4** **Continue the Communion**, after worship, El Jimador
- ❖ **Tuesday, January 6** **Lakeside Ladies Book Club**, 4:00 p.m., Parlor
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 7** **Dove Notes**, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room
- ❖ **Thursday, January 8** **Needles & Prayers**, 10:00 a.m., Parlor
- ❖ **Sunday, January 11** **Ministry Team Organizational Luncheon**, after worship, Robbins Hall
- ❖ **Monday, January 12** **Circle 10**, 11:00 a.m., Lecture Room
- ❖ **Sunday, January 18** **Deacon Ordination & Installation**, during worship

CHURCH STAFF	
Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>
Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i>	Liz Broomell <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Sue Bulluck <i>Senior Adult Director</i>	Cindy Davis <i>Custodian</i>
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT LAKESIDE – “MAKING ROOM”

“Let every heart prepare Him room...”

This year's theme for Advent and Christmas is “Making Room.” Advent is the season that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. We must *make room* for Christ's life and message in our lives as we hear these stories of hope, peace, joy, and love once more.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Wednesday, December 24 ♦ Christmas Eve
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship & Communion

Sunday, December 28 ♦ First Sunday after Christmas
11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship
Sunday, January 4 ♦ Epiphany Sunday
11:00 a.m. Worship

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

If you have not yet completed your giving plan card, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Lakeside for 2026 and turn in your card to the church office this month. We *BELONG* together!

MINISTRY TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL LUNCHEON

Members of Lakeside's Committees and Ministry Teams, mark your calendar to join us following worship on Sunday, January 11, for an important time of information and organization as we prepare for a new year of ministry together. A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up through the church office or the Event Registration page of the website by January 8.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The church office will be closed on December 25 and 26 and again on January 1 so that our staff might enjoy the holidays with family and friends. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and our community. Thank you for your support and generosity offered in so many ways!

Libby
Lisa
Cindy

Elizabeth
Liz
Sue

Jake
Zack
Rachel