



The Link

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE – JANUARY 4, 2025

Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: “Making Room for All”

Anthems: “The Kings of Tarshish” – Grassi

“Ring out, Wild Bells” – Gibbs

Deacon Greeter – Linda Graham and Bill Bulluck

Ushers – Trevor Lane, Keith Ballentine, and Alan Clements

Acolyte – Ramsey Ward

YEAR-END GIVING

We depend on your generous giving! As of December 30, we have collected \$555,815 in support of our 2025 ministries. We will need to receive \$32,329 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. *All checks dated 2025 will be counted for 2025 through the first few days of 2026.*

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

We have received 69 Giving Plan cards for the 2026 Ministry Plan. That is a total of \$367,442 pledged, or 61% of the 2026 Ministry Plan. Can you help us reach our goal of 80% of our Ministry Plan pledged? If you have not yet completed your giving plan card, prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Lakeside for 2026 and turn in your card to the church office. We *BELONG* together!

MINISTRY TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL LUNCHEON

Members of Lakeside’s Committees and Ministry Teams, join us following worship on Sunday, January 11, for a light lunch and an important time of information and organization as we prepare for a new year of ministry together. Please sign up by January 8 through the church office or website.

NEWS FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

We are looking forward to seeing the Lakeside Youth on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. for our Holiday Party. Please bring the wackiest, tackiest wearable Christmas attire or accessory you can find for \$10 or less. Dinner will be served. Our regular schedule of Sunday night activities for all youth and children will resume on January 11.

Elizabeth

TOPNOTCHER NEWS

Make plans to join us! Continue the Communion will be held Sunday, January 4, after worship at El Jimador (2181 Lawrence Circle). Please contact the church office as soon as possible to sign up for our visit to the Life & Art of Charles M. Schulz exhibit at the Dunn Center on January 6.

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4

- 9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion, El Jimador
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Holiday Party, Robbins Hall

Tuesday, January 6

- 4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ladies Book Club, Parlor

Wednesday, January 7

- 10:30 a.m. Dove Notes, Godwin Library
- 12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

LAKESIDE’S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$588,144	\$561,056
Through December 21	\$16,011	\$546,470	\$530,725
Variance	+\$4,701	-\$41,674	-\$30,331