



The Link

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Advent at Lakeside Everlasting Lovingkindness: God's Journey to Us

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
God's Journey to Us: Courage for the Day
December 24 - 11 o'clock a.m.
The Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION
God's Journey to Us: Immanuel
December 24 - 6 o'clock p.m.
Chris Ellis, violinist • Lakeside Soloists



A TIME FOR GRATITUDE

Advent is always a special season at Lakeside. Not only do we begin a new year of exploring our faith as we celebrate the coming of Christ, we also celebrate the abundant talents of our church family.

Many thanks to everyone who has given of themselves to make this season so special. Our decorators, lay readers, singers, musicians, ushers, Social Committee, and helpers have given us all special gifts through worship and other activities.

Thanks also to all of you who gave extra gifts to help families and children for Christmas. And our deepest gratitude to all of you for your generosity to support our ministry in every way.

Above all, thank you for the privilege of serving with you day by day as the family of faith known as Lakeside. Blessings for a joyous and meaningful Christmas.

Liz Broomell

Linda Davis

Elizabeth Edwards

Rachel Holloman

Milton Marrow

Mark Pickowicz

Amy Shortt

Susan Skinner

Jody Wright

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Vidant Edgecombe Hospital, 111 Hospital Drive, Tarboro, NC 27886

Douglas Edwards, Sr. (Doug Edwards' father)

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Winnie Johnson, Room 464

Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)

Mary Frances Dinan, Room 817

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Robert Blanton (Margaret Harper's grandson) 301 Lauren Glen Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28226

Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Boulevard., Dallas, TX 75214

Anne Crane, 1501 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

Gary Ferguson (friend of Amy Shortt), 115 College Ave., Danville, VA

Nancy Henry, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Alice Jernigan (friend of Joanna McDevitt), 2920 Old Mill Road (03)

Erin McAuliffe, 191 Wilsor Oaks Drive, Littleton, NC 27850

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Michael Riley (Brenda Culpepper's son)

Our Members-at-Home

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

Grace Monroe, 3752 Loblolly Drive (04)

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Ella Coats who died on December 14. Mrs. Coats was a charter member of Lakeside.

We offer our sympathy to Elwood Berry and his family in the death of his brother, Jim Berry, on December 13 in California.

Pastor Wright and Members,

Thank you again for your care, love, and encouragement to our mom, Dorcas Cooper, over the years.
Walt Cooper and Amy Jo Rogers

NEED A SPECIAL GIFT? TRY ANOTHER TASTE OF LAKESIDE

Circle 10's popular new cookbook, "Another Taste of Lakeside," makes a great Christmas gift. The cookbook is \$20 per copy and can be mailed for an additional \$5. Make checks out to Lakeside Baptist Church and specify "Cookbooks."

NURSERY AND EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to serve about once per quarter taking care of Lakeside's little ones for nursery and extended session during morning worship. If you are available to help, please contact the church office.

HONOR CARDS—THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

The 2017 Honor Cards are available in the church office for \$5 each. These cards, designed by artist William Mangum, provide needed funds for our local homeless shelters at UCM.

TURNAGE SPEAKER SERIES

Plan to join us for the 2018 Turnage Speaker Series on January 28 and 29. Our featured speaker will be Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, the dean of Duke University Chapel and associate professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School.

YOUTH NEWS

Everyone who participated in Sunday night's service did a terrific job. Thank you to all the youth who have helped to make this a special Advent season. Our Re-gifting Party is scheduled for the afternoon of January 1. I am working out the details to hold the party at a special location so watch your email for more info. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas! Our regular schedule of choirs, dinners, and SNL resumes on Sunday, January 7. Ski trip participants, your balance is due next week. Contact the church office if you have any questions about how much you owe. I look forward to seeing everyone for Sunday School, morning worship, and our evening Communion Service on Sunday. Merry Christmas! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Dear Choirs, I'm am grateful for another beautiful Advent season at Lakeside and your music helped make that possible. From the Hanging of the Greens Service, the Christmas Oratorio, the Lessons and Carols Service, and the Sunday in between, your music has been well-done and heartfelt. I'm incredibly proud of all of you! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to singing your faith. Chancel Choir will sing for the morning service on Christmas Eve. Rehearsal begins at 10:00 a.m. Love, Amy.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for February 9-10 at the Boseman Farm on Highway 43. Alysun Skinner, former Youth Minister at FUMC in Rocky Mount who now serves at FUMC in Wilson, will lead us in a time of study, reflection, fellowship, and fun. We will begin late afternoon on Friday and end with dinner on Saturday. The cost of \$75 per person includes meals. Lodging for 8 is available at the farm, or you can return home for the evening. Please contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - a.m. - Dan Herring and Genie Raper
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 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Jacob Watkins - a.m.; Madi Adkins - p.m.
 Acolyte - Will Robillard - a.m.; Anna Adkins - p.m.
 Torchbearer - p.m. - Andersen Cobb
 Nursery - Jan Robillard; Extended Session - Brenda Cotton
 Audio Booth Volunteer: Ricky Cobb

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jerry Baker and Sheila Martin
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle Captain
 Acolyte - Daniel Edwards; Crucifer - Carson Browder
 Nursery - Greyson Tillman; Extended Session - Elaine Jaber
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,190	\$621,690
Receipts December 17	\$20,203	\$570,691
Variance	+\$8,013	-\$50,999

Balance needed to meet the 2017Ministry Plan: \$75,373

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CHURCH STAFF

Elizabeth Edwards

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Secretarial Assistant

Milton Marrow

Custodian

Jody Wright

Senior Minister

Linda Davis

Administrative Assistant

Susan Skinner

Senior Adult Director

Amy Shortt

Minister of Music

Mark Pichowicz

Organist

Rachel Holloman

Preschool Director

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 21

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Sunday, December 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

Closed for Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 31

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 1

Closed for New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 4

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

The Link will not be published next week.