

Connecting all to Christ to become
healthy in God and courageous in love.



Traditional Worship - May 31, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - David Morgan

Prelude *Come Thou Almighty King* Fred Gramann
Bells of the Lakes

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Shannon Stacy 11:00 - Pastor Susan Curtis

Leader: Come, people of God, and bring your whole selves before the Lord. Not only your victories, but your struggles. Not only your strength, but your weakness.

People: We come to worship the God who is faithful in every season.

Leader: When life feels uncertain and the fire grows hot, God has not abandoned His people. He is present in the midst of the trial. He is forming us, refining us, and drawing us deeper into Himself.

People: We will trust the Lord, even in the fire.

Leader: Come and worship the One who meets us in our suffering, strengthens us through endurance, and fills us with hope through Jesus Christ.

People: We fix our eyes on King Jesus, who is faithful yesterday, today, and forever.

*Hymn *Come Thou Almighty King* #27

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Robby Strock 11:00 - Pastor Jared Priset

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem *People Need the Lord* Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-5 pg. 913

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often trust ourselves more than we trust You. In seasons of trial, we are quick to fear, complain, and lose heart. Forgive us for our pride, our anxiety, and our divided loyalties. Teach us to trust You in every season and to remain faithful in the fire. By Your Spirit, form us into mature disciples who are fully surrendered to King Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Bells of the Lakes; Lorraine George, piano

Linker & McFadden

*Response in Song (11:00 only)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (11:00 only)

*Hymn (11:00 only)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

#446

Children's Moment (11:00 only)

Commission Youth Mission Team (8:30 only)

Scripture

James 1:1-8

pg. 983

Message

Faith in the Fire
Kingdom Wisdom

Pastor Jared Priset

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

Be Still My Soul

#346

*Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

Altar Flowers: are given by Dave & Sheri Grunwald
in memory of Martha & Bill, and Elainea & Maurice.

Acolytes: Travis Dria & Basil Johnson

Contemporary Worship - May 31, 2026 - 9:30 am

Praise Songs

*Hard Fought Hallelujah
Bring the Rain*

Welcome

Pat Wendell

Worship Song & Offering

The 21st Time

Prayer

Pastor Robby Strock

Children's Moment

Scripture

James 1:1-8

Message

Faith in the Fire
Kingdom Wisdom

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Closing Song

Amazing Love/You Are My King

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: God uses trials not to **destroy our faith, but to develop mature, surrendered, Kingdom people.**

I. Trials develop our faith (James 1:2-3)

Trials reveal what we are truly trusting in.

Pressure exposes foundations.

God often meets us in the fire, not around it.

Can you say, "Even when I do not understand, I will trust the character of God."

The fiery furnace and Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego (Daniel 3)

II. Trials produce maturity and dependence (James 1:4-5)

God is more committed to our maturity than our comfort.

Trials deepen dependence on God.

Wisdom is seeing life through the rule and reign of Jesus.

Perseverance is not formed in comfort, but hardship (Romans 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

III. Trials reveal surrendered faith (James 1:6-8)

Trials expose divided loyalties.

Faith learns to trust God even when circumstances are uncertain.

Kingdom people anchor their lives fully in Christ.

IV. When trials come:

Don't interpret hardship as abandonment.

Ask: "God, what are You producing in me?"

Ask God daily for wisdom.

Keep praying, obeying, and trusting.

Anchor your life fully in Christ.

V. Kingdom people are not people who never face trials. They are people who discover that even in the fire, Jesus is faithful.

Church Office Hours - The church office will be closed on Mondays in June and July.

Summer Choirs

On the **second Sundays of June, July and August** our 11:00 traditional service will feature a “summer choir”. Anyone can join, and there is no commitment. Arrive in the music room at 10:30 that day to practice an anthem for that morning. For questions about Summer Choir or special music for traditional services, contact Dean Wagner, dean@churchofthelakes.org.

Explore

Summer Church Camps

Summer Camp has life changing impacts on children. Church of the Lakes finds that summer church camp is so important to spiritual formation and growth that we are providing a \$300 campership to every child that regularly attends Church of the Lakes to attend the church camp of their choice this summer! **Information on summer church camps is available at the Sunday School check-in station.** With questions contact Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Healing Ministries Bible Study

Past and present members of DivorceCare and GriefShare are invited to this 5-week Bible Study. We will use the video and study guide for ‘Don’t Look Back: Getting Unstuck and Moving Forward with Passion and Purpose’ by Christine Caine. This class will meet on **Wednesdays, July 29th - August 26th**, 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Pastor Nancy, nancy@churchofthelakes.org for more information, and to get the study guide.

Healing Ministries Fellowship Picnic

Join us on **Wednesday, July 22nd**, 2:00 - 9:00 pm at the Jackson Township North Park Shelter. We'll eat around 5:30 pm. This is for anyone who has been part of one of our GriefShare or DivorceCare Groups, their families and potential participants. Bring a covered dish to share. Let Pastor Nancy know that you are attending, 330-417-4334.

Serve

Jackson Community Festival

We are in need of donations of small toys or candy (that won't melt) for prizes. Drop items off at the church office by *June 21st*. Church of the Lakes will have a booth at the Jackson Community Festival, **June 24th - 27th**. We need volunteers to be at the booth during the festival. We'll have a free carnival game with small prizes for children, and information about our church. Students can receive community service hours for volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering at the booth contact Susan Kirkland, skirkland8791@gmail.com, or 330-806-7953.

Royal Family Kids Camp Snack Donations Requested

RFKC is in need of various items for snacks for campers and staff attending camp. Visit the church website to view the complete list and sign up to provide any of these items (items have specific amounts needed, so do not purchase without first registering on the website). All donations provided will be appreciated by everyone attending camp. Drop off your donations *June 14th - July 8th* to room 115. Call Sherry Mulcahey, 330-256-2137 with questions.



WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the pews

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org



Church of the Lakes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 8th - 12th

8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 7th - 11th

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm



REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:

CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG

Retirement Celebration for Lisa Wright TODAY at 12:15 in the Activity Center

Show your appreciation to Lisa for her 28 years of dedication to the Church of the Lakes Child Care Center. We encourage families of past students and the congregation to join us!



Cruise-In

**OLD NEW CLASSIC
VINTAGE IMPORTS
CUSTOM & MORE**

**Saturday, June 6th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME.
COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE.
FOOD TRUCK ON SITE**



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Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Tom DiGiacinto, Kathy Spanton, Rick Brown, and Roxy Sontag
Our condolences to Danielle Dragomire and family on the passing of her mother, Shirley Dennis
Our condolences to Steve Nemeth and family on the passing of his mother, Emily
To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.