Welcome
To
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church is an inclusive community that embraces all followers of Jesus Christ. We worship, witness and work to advance God's purpose in all of life Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.
Adopted September 9, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

Donald Ng, Interim Senior Pastor
Carolyn Matthews, Pastor of Christian Education
Sandra Lee, Ministry Associate
Mikki Boyd, Minister of Music
Cole Stanford, Organist
Tyrone Mack, Sexton
Sheila Sims, Business Consultant
H. James Hopkins, Pastor Emeritus

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MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 2026

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I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. (John 15:5a)

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PRELUDE Cole Stanford
CHIMES

*OPENING HYMN – Kum Ba Ya (*see insert)*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Chalice Hymnal, P. 775)*

Our +Father which 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(+We encourage you to address God in a way that is meaningful to you.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP and ANNOUNCEMENTS Dale Edmondson
(Please complete a visitor card to be placed in the offering plate.)

*PASSING THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also, with you.

CHILDREN'S STORY Carolyn Matthews

SPECIAL MUSIC What Can Separate You Carolyn Matthews

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP—2027 Pledge Canvass Charlene Wolf
OFFERTORY - Beach Spring Cole Stanford

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Cole Stanford

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God with all the hosts above;
Praise God in wonder, joy, and love. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Carolyn Matthews

CONGREGATIONAL SONG - They'll Know We Are Christians *(Chalice #494)*

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE		LeAnn Flesher
ANTHEM	New Horizon	Voices of Lakeshore
SCRIPTURE READING – John 15:1-17 (Pew Bible, P. 879)		Cynthia Nelson
SERMON	We Are the Branches	Gerald C. Liu

*CLOSING HYMN - In the Name of Jesus *(African American Heritage Hymnal #303)*

*BENEDICTION LeAnn Flesher

POSTLUDE Heal the World Cole Stanford

Assisting in worship: Tim Bulkeley, Jay Quibodeaux, John King

Please remain seated for the Postlude.
*Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE ARE LIVESTREAMING our service via YouTube.

WELCOME CANDIDATE REV. GERALD LIU TO LABC
The Pastoral Search Committee introduces the Rev. Dr. Gerald C. Liu as the candidate for Senior Pastor of LABC today. At an Open House yesterday, Rev. Liu and his family met many of our church family. After worship today and until Nov. 15, you will have the opportunity to vote on paper ballots to call our new pastor. His resume and more information can be found in the narthex today.

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE is composed of the following members: Charlene Wolf, Chuck Johnson, Mariel Paul, Khalilah Beal-Uribe, Roehl Cinco, Marc Buffin, Cynthia Nelson, Dale Edmondson, and LeAnn Snow-Flesher, Chair.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY—LABC's Mission Statement adopted in 2007 informs who we are and what is our mission. Over 8 weeks, Interim Pastor Don Ng will lead a discussion on the statement's meaning, its Biblical foundations, and meaning for us today. On the church Zoom at 6:00-7:00 PM. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS…continued

2027 BUDGET CANVASS—Your invitation to support LABC's 2027 life-changing ministries was sent to you to prayerfully consider pledging and donating to your church. During the next few weeks, we'll be highlighting the variety of programs and activities that Lakeshore has. We have received 40 giving units for a total pledge of $167,670. Please join the 1% Club to make a difference in the ability for LABC to multiply our resources to reach the world with Good News. Thank you!

FOREVER YOUNG—Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Nov. 14th, 12:30-2:45. RSVP to Alodia Corpuz by Nov. 11th. The Thanksgiving Luncheon at a $10 donation.

HOLIDAY CONCERT--The Chorale Singers presents Handel's Messiah, Part I and Hallelujah Chorus, in concert November 15, 4:00 pm at San Anselmo Presbyterian Church, 72 Kensington St, San Anselmo. Tickets available on Eventbrite or contact Pastor Carolyn.

TODAY AT LAKESHORE

10:00	Morning Worship
11:15	Coffee Hour, Family Room
11:45	Forum with Rev. Gerald Liu
12:45	Church Membership Meeting, Sanctuary
4:00	SF Kachin Baptist Church – Sanctuary, Family Room, Nursery

MAJOR EVENTS THIS WEEK AT LAKESHORE ON SITE AND ZOOM
November 9-November 15

Mon	Living Arts Playback Theatre, Family Room, 6:30 PM
	AAHM Planning Meeting, Zoom, 7:00
Tue	Staff Meeting, In person, 10:30 AM
	Bible Study, Zoom, 6:00
	Budget Meeting, Zoom, 7:00
Wed	Veterans Day Holiday—Church Offices closed
Thu	Handbells, 6:00
	Voices of Lakeshore Choir Practice, 7:00
Sat	Time of Prayer, 10:00 AM, Zoom
	Forever Young, Family Room, 12:30 PM
Sun	Sunday Worship—Don Ng preaching
	Church Membership Meeting, 11:15 AM
	Adult Bible Class -11:45 am, Library & Zoom
	Stewardship Meeting, 11:45 AM, Zoom & Don's Office
	SF Kachin Baptist Church, 4:00, Sanctuary, Family Room, Nursery

The church office is closed on Fridays.
Questions? Contact *businessadmin@labcoakland.org*