



Welcome to worship at Wake Forest Baptist Church. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation, welcoming all people, no matter their race, economic status, gender expression, or sexual orientation into full membership and leadership. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to sign the guest book with your contact information.

Please consider getting involved in at least one of our new small groups. There will be **two new Sunday school classes**, from January 27 to March 3:

Reading the Bible through Other Eyes, led by David Hirano, Room 206
David will help the class read the Gospel readings for Epiphany through the lens of other cultures. This will be a discussion class.

Introduction to Buddhism, led by John Kernodle, Room 202
John will provide an introduction to Buddhism, with a focus on Zen Buddhist Ethics and the role of karma. This is limited to 12 people.

In addition, Pastor Lia and Erica Saunders will be offering a group study, **Skill-Building for the Apocalypse**, where we'll consider Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*, Adrienne Marie Brown's *Emergent Strategy*, and supplemental podcasts and writings. Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 31.

There are two other options this season for fellowship. We hope to create one or two **Supper Clubs** and enjoy gathering together for fellowship! And beginning in early February, we'll have a new **Walking Group** on Saturday mornings at 9:00. We'll meet at area walking trails and, walk together.

Sign ups sheets are in the hall outside the reception.

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Wake Forest Baptist Church is a progressive, welcoming and affirming Christian community committed to Jesus Christ. We value prophetic worship, thoughtful religious education, social justice, and peacemaking.

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Wake Forest Baptist Church

Baptism of Jesus
January 13, 2019

Prelude

WaterLife
arranged by Laura Wind

Laura Wind

Welcome

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

Lydia Cavanaugh

When we pass through the waters,

God is there with us.

When we suffer and feel hopeless,

God is there with us.

When we are joyful and celebratory,

God is there with us.

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

God is there with us, always.

Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

* Praise Hymn #75 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

WATERLIFE

* Opening Prayer

* Passing the Peace *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.***

***Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.***

Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lessons from Our Sacred Text *Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Offering Hymn *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong; "let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)***

Give thanks.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings *J.S. Bach*
Selection from the French Suite in E-flat

* Offering Response *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

***Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
Whose Daystar shines for us on high. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Whose Spirit brings into our sight,
The hope which to our world draws nigh.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Offertory Prayer

Godly Play *Holy Baptism*

Anthem *Wade in the Waters* Choir

Reflection *Going through the Deep Waters* Lia Scholl

* Response Hymn *What Was Your Vow and Vision*
***What was your vow and vision, revealed and recognized,
Christ when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized?
Was there a sudden splendor or prophets, priests and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters, a blue of mighty wings?***

***Was this God's call, the crowning of all you had become:
"Go, show and tell my coming, my own, my chosen one?"
Did scripture join with scripture, revealing in surprise
the triumph of a servant rejected and despised?***

***We meet you at the water and ponder why and how,
in hope that we may follow where God is going now,
anointed by your Spirit, reborn, and energized,
through deed and word proclaiming: "In Christ we are baptized!"***

We invite you to commit your life to Christ as a disciple and to join our church as a member. You may also wish to reaffirm your faith in Christ or make other commitments. You are welcome to come forward at this time.

Announcements

Sung Benediction *This Little Light of Mine*
***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (three times)
Let it shine, shine, shine! Let it shine!***

***Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (three times)
Let it shine, shine, shine! Let it shine!***

* Benediction Lia Scholl