



**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.

Let's welcome **Rayce Lamb as our proclaimer today.** Rayce serves as the Director of Ministry & Vocational Exploration at WFU School of Divinity where he graduated with his MDiv in 2016. Prior to working at the Divinity School, Rayce served as the Director of North Star LGBTQ Community Center and the Youth Director at Green Street United Methodist Church, both here in Winston-Salem, NC.

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.

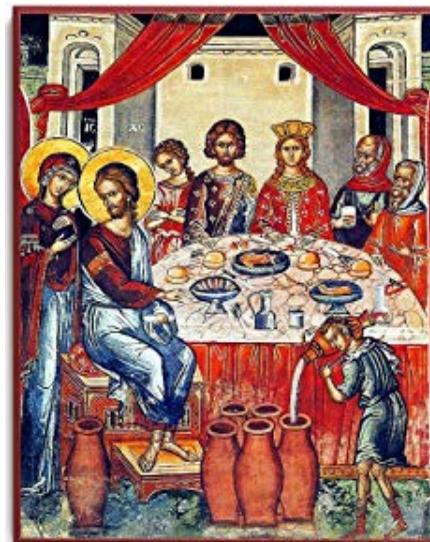
**Sign ups sheets are on the table outside the reception room.**

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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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 20, 2019

Prelude *Wind of the Spirit* Laura Wind

Welcome Lia Scholl

\* Call to Worship (bold in unison) Sara Sinal

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**  
**May we take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Make us a feast in the abundance of your house,  
and give us drink from the river of your delights.

**For with you is the fountain of life;**  
**in your light we see light.**

\* Praise Hymn #501      *There Is a Balm in Gilead*      BALM IN GILEAD  
**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all!"  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

\* Opening Prayer      Erica Saunders

\* 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.

Offering Hymn #628      Precious Lord, Take My Hand,      PRECIOUS LORD

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings      J.S. Bach  
Allemande 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

Lessons from Our Sacred Text      Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11

Anthem      *Roll Down Justice*      Choir

Reflection      *For What Will We Be Defined?*      Rayce Lamb

\* Response Hymn #631      *Lift Every Voice and Sing*      LIFT EVERY VOICE

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      Rayce Lamb