COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to worship at Wake Forest Baptist Church. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation, welcoming all people, no matter your race, economic status, gender expression, or sexual orientation into full membership and leadership. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to fill out a visitor card with your name and contact information and tell us how you're doing.

Our bulletin cover art today is *The Calling of Paul* by artist James He Qi. See more of his work at www.heqiart.com. Used with permission by the artist.

Special thanks today for Kenneth Meyers, our dear friend. Ken is the Leadership and Faith Formation Specialist at the Alliance of Baptists.



Today is the first Sunday of our *Special Offering for the Alliance of Baptists*. We are a founding congregation of the Alliance of Baptists. For many of us, the Alliance of Baptists is our theological home—a progressive Baptist denomination that works for justice and equality

in our nation and world. If you would like to make a donation, please write *Alliance of Baptists* in the memo line of your check.

Our new office phone number is 336-860-0777.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 15 Third Sunday of Easter

9:45 Sunday School Classes 11:00 Worship in Wait Chapel 12:00 Reception in the Narthex 2:30 Administrative Council

Sunday, April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:45 Sunday School Classes
11:00 Worship in Wait Chapel
12:00 Reception in the Narthex
12:30 Quarterly Church Conference

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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The Calling of Paul by James He Qi

WAKE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 15, 2018

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship Lia Scholl

PreludeBeautiful Savior
Yury Arbatsky

Kelly Hammond

* Call to Worship Nancy Hall

Welcome to the celebration of the God of second chances!

We come to celebrate our God of hope and healing.

Welcome to the celebration of the God of blinding love!

We offer our praises—praises to the God of new tomorrows and forgiven yesterdays.

* **Hymn of Praise** #53 *Morning Has Broken* Bunessan

* Opening Prayer Erica Saunders

SHARING

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Gathering Hymn Make Us One Make Us One

Make us one, Lord, make us one, Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let your love flow so the world will know, we are one in you.

Voices of Today Erica Saunders

Prayers of the People

Offering Hymn #95 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Duke Street

Offertory Moderato in D-flat Major Iohann Pachelbel * Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!

> Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Offertory Prayer

PROCLAIMING

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9:1-19a

Anthem Jesus Shall Reign Kelly Hammond

arranged by Anna Laura Page

Sermon First You Leap, Then You Grow Wings Kenneth Meyers

RESPONDING

* **Responsive Hymn** (see insert) From Wisdom Emerging

St. Denio

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 and Welcoming New Members

* **Sung Benediction** # **608** *I Would Be True*

Peek

* Benediction

Postlude Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today Kelly Hammond Henry J. Markworth

^{*} Please stand, whether in body or in spirit.