

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 fill out a visitor card with your name and contact information and tell us how you're doing.

This morning **we welcome Reverend David Hirano** to the pulpit. David was born in Hamamatsu, Japan and moved to Hawaii in 1938. He received his BA from Wake Forest College in 1957 (first class from the Winston-Salem Campus); B.D. from Andover Newton Theological School; DMin from School of Theology at Claremont, California. He has served as pastor of churches in Massachusetts, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Honolulu. He and his wife, Sandra, are faithful friends of WFBC.

Welcome students! Please join us for an all-you-can-eat pancake lunch following worship. In addition, we have work-study opportunities in our choir. If you like to sing, or would even like to just try it out, please see Kelly Hammond (our excellent interim music director) following worship.

Today the first Sunday of the month, so we'll receive our **hunger offering** for Samaritan Ministries, and all cash and designated checks will go to a local organization to fight hunger.

Next Sunday we'll receive our **Beans! Beans! Offering** (they're good for your heart!). Our pounds of dried beans will be donated to the New Communion Mobile Pantry and delivered to hungry people in Winston-Salem.

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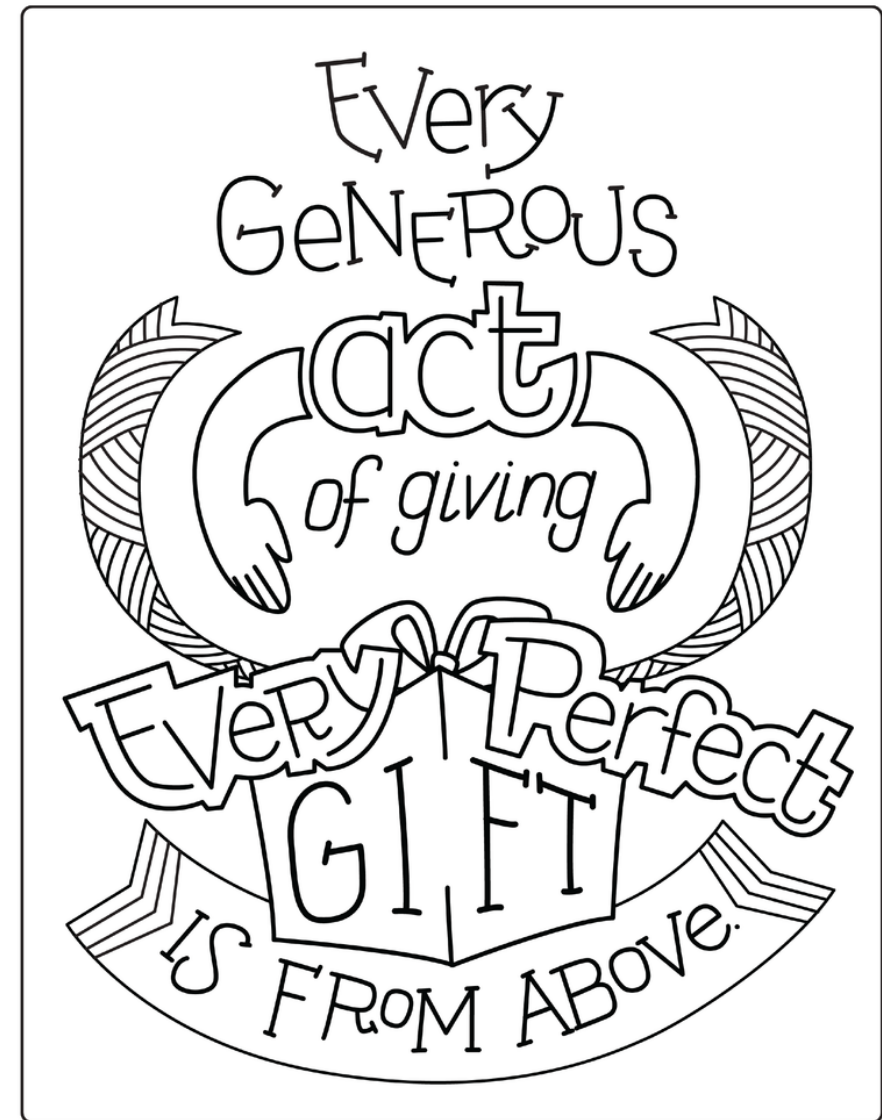
CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 2	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00	Worship in Wait Chapel, Communion
12:00	Reception
12:00	Student Pancake Luncheon, Lower Auditorium
Sunday, September 9	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45	Sunday School Classes
11:00	Worship in Wait Chapel
12:00	Reception

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

September 2, 2018

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome

Christie Dalton

Prelude

O Word of God Incarnate
Johann Gottfried Walther

Kelly Hammond

* **Call to Worship** (*bold in unison*)

Look to the mountains; look to the hills!
Love comes to us with joy!

The world is filled with beauty.
Flowers appear on the earth,
birdsong brightens the day.

Crops yield their produce in abundance,
the air is filled with sweetness.
The summer of God's love is with us.

Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.
Arise and sing for joy!

Donnis Sakran

* **Gathering Hymn #53**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Opening Prayer

Erica Saunders

SHARING

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

*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.*

MAKE US ONE

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn #453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Adoniram J. Gordon

* **Offering Response**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
one God, triune, whom we adore.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

* **Offertory Prayer**

PROCLAIMING

Reading from the Epistles

James 1:17-27

Anthem

In Remembrance
Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Hearing and Doing

David Hirano

RESPONDING

* **Communion Hymn #284**

Gather Us In

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* **Communion** (*see insert*)

*Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice and taking both together).
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Announcements

* **Sending Hymn #677**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

WORLD PEACE

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Bernard Reichel

Kelly Hammond

Communion

Invitation:

At Wake Forest Baptist Church, all are welcome to this table. No exceptions. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not to be fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table, then, siblings, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might know that God has come to us and shared our common lot and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

The Communion Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High

It is right to give God thanks and Praise.

Holy God, we praise and thank you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in the suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with your power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name saying:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Break the loaf, place a piece of the loaf on the bread plates).

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, Eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen

The gifts of God for the people of God, come for all things are ready:

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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