

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.

On Sunday, January 27, we're pleased to offer two new Sunday school classes, which will last until 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'll begin supper clubs in late January and a walking group on Saturday mornings.

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

Epiphany Sunday January 6, 2019

Prelude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star arranged by Charles Callahan

Laura Wind

Welcome and Announcements

Frica

*Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The light of Christ has come into the world!

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

We will follow the light—when it shines brightly in the sky and when it glows dimly on the horizon.

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

We will follow the light when it leads down familiar paths and when the road is unfamiliar and unknown.

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The light of Christ has come into the world!

* Praise Hymn We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

[Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)]

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again; King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom, sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, Christ and God and sacrifice: alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

*Opening Prayer Lia

* Passing the Peace Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

THREE KINGS

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

Frica

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

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.

Lessons from Our Sacred Text

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem Choir

Reflection Following the Wild Star

Communion

We share communion by intinction: receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and eat, knowing you are loved. All are welcome to the Table, no exceptions.

* Response Hymn

Brightest and Best of the Stars (see insert)

MORNING STAR

Lia

Lia Scholl

Announcements

Sung Benediction

This Little Light of Mlne

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, shine
Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, shine Let it shine!

*Benediction Lia Scholl



