

**Welcome to worship at Wake Forest Baptist Church, where all are welcome, no exceptions.** Bienvenidos a Iglesia Bautista Wake Forest donde todos y todas son bienvenidos sin excepciones. 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.

**Today is the first Sunday of Lent. We'll begin with an "Imposition of the Ashes" service,** usually celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

**During the Benediction, you're invited to pray the body prayer of Julian Norwich.** Julian wrote, "The fruit and the purpose of prayer is to be **one** with and like God in all things." We'll take a few minutes to allow our heart and mind's attention to sink deeper into our bodies, to remember our inherent oneness through these simple words, postures, and intentions (the words are from the Order of Julian's motto):

**AWAIT** (hands at waist, cupped up to receive): Await God's presence, not as you expect, hope, or imagine, but just as it is in this moment.

**ALLOW** (reach up, hands open): Allow a sense of God's presence (or not) to come and be what it is, without meeting your expectations.

**ACCEPT** (hands at heart, cupped towards body): Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you are not in charge. Accept the infinity of God's presence, present whether or not you are aware.

**ATTEND** (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive): Attend to what you are called to, actions that God invites you to from this stance of openness.

**During Lent, please join us at Sunday school for Wilderness Wanderings** with Dr. Moyer, who has taught Hebrew language and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at the WFU Divinity School for the past decade.

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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

First Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2019

Choral Prelude

*Dust and Ashes*  
David Haas

Choir

Greeting and Opening Words

Paul Lawrence

\* Responsive Reading from the Psalms a selection from Psalm 51  
Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.  
**Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.**  
Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.  
**For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.**

You desire truth and inward being, teaching me wisdom in my heart.  
**Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I shall be pristin**  
Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me from your presence and don't take your Spirit from me.  
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.**  
Forgive me, O God, who saves, then I will sing of your forgiveness.  
**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

\* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

\* Imposition of Ashes

\* Passing the Peace

\* Gradual Hymn

*Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
shadows of doubt are vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in; our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young—our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old, who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung though-out all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in—the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 #111

*Santo, Santo, Santo*

NICAEA

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Laura Wind

\* Offering Response

OLD HUNDRETH

**Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

\* Offertory Prayer

Lesson from the Psalms

a selection from Psalm 78

Lesson from the Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Gradual Hymn

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**Here we receive new life in the waters;  
here we receive the bread of new birth;  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not just in buildings, small and confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
here in this place, new light is shining,  
now is God present, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Sermon

*Rebellion in the Desert: Truth-Telling*

Lia Scholl

\* Response Hymn #633 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

LANCASHIRE

Announcements

Eve Andrews

\* Choral Benediction #520

*Yo Quiero Ser (I Want to Be)*

VASO NUEVO

\* Benediction

The Body Prayer

Julian Norwich