



**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 following worship, the Congregational Care Council invites you** to a fellowship luncheon. The menu will include baked ham, salad, hash brown casserole, rolls, tea, lemonade, and desserts. Pay as you can. Pastor Lia will present a report on her listening sessions

Please consider joining one of our new **Sunday school classes:**

**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 is 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.

**Sign up for Supper Clubs** and enjoy gathering together for fellowship! And try our new **Walking Group** on Saturday mornings at 9:00, starting in March. For the first walk, we'll meet in front of All Through the House in Reynolda Village, weather permitting.

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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

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 24, 2019

Prelude

Laura Wind

Welcome

Lia Scholl

\* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

We come to worship a God, who redefines our vision of strength.

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.

**Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**

Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.

**Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.**

Strength is turning the other cheek.

**Strength is loving an enemy.**

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\* Praise Hymn

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it from thy courts above.**

\* 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 #111

Santo, Santo, Santo

NICAEA

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Laura Wind

\* 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

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38

Anthem

Choir

Reflection *Pressed Down, Shaken Together and Running Over* Lia Scholl

\* Response Hymn #464 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*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

**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