

Welcome to worship at Wake Forest Baptist Church, where all are welcome, no exceptions. *Bienvenidos a la 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.



Today we celebrate the ordination of Rayce J. Lamb to the Gospel Ministry. **Rayce Lamb** serves as the Director of Ministry and Vocational Exploration at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Prior to serving in his role at the School of Divinity, Rayce has worked as an Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Admissions at Wake Forest University, as the Director of Youth Ministry at Green Street United Methodist Church, and as the Director of North Star LGBTQ Community Center in Winston-Salem. He studied Education at Emory & Henry College where he graduated with honors in 2013 prior to earning his M.Div at Wake Forest University School of Divinity in 2016. Rayce's patron saint is Dolly Parton.

Rayce extends his deepest gratitude to **Lia Scholl, Kelly Carpenter, Laura Wind,** and the congregations of **Wake Forest Baptist Church** and **Green Street United Methodist Church** for modeling radical hospitality and the embodied love of God; **Katherine Shaner, John Senior,** and the **faculty, staff, and students of Wake Divinity** for challenging him theologically and modeling ways to think deeper and more holistically about *God and call*; the **Alliance of Baptists** for providing a theological home that never stops listening for God's wisdom; **Allie Firebaugh, Ethan Willis, Heather Bachelder, Julie Wood, Marlana Del Hierro,** and **all who are part of his community** for journeying alongside him; and **the members of his ordination council** for blessing his ministry and call to God's work.

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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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The Worship of God and the Ordination of Rayce J. Lamb

August 25, 2019

Wake Forest Baptist Church
Wait Chapel

Sacred Refrain

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

Refrain / Estribillo

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
Guí - a - me, guí - a - me en tu ver - dad.

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Si me con - du - ces, no va - ga - ré.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Dios, dé - ja - me con - ti - go an - dar.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Guí - a - me, mi Se - ñor.



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An Open Letter to Wake Forest Baptist Church on the occasion of
the Ordination of Rayce Lamb

Dear Friends at Wake Forest Baptist Church,

On this special day of celebration, as you move to affirm Rayce Lamb, his calling and giftedness through ordination to the gospel ministry, the Alliance of Baptists extends words of blessing, gratitude, and empowerment. On behalf of the Alliance of Baptists, we write to you with our prayers of support and encouragement as you call one of your own to embody the hands and feet of Christ in a world in desperate need of justice, hope, and peace.

The Alliance of Baptists is grateful for Wake Forest Baptist Church's nurturing presence with students at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Through your example, as a congregation committed to welcome all without exception, your community of faith demonstrates the expansive love of God and inspires others to follow in this calling.

As you gather to affirm, consecrate, and bless the giftedness of Rayce Lamb, the Alliance offers a laying on of our hands, voices, and hearts in prayer for this special one of God's servants. Rayce, we dare you to be bold, to let the dreams of the prophets inspire you to speak out for justice, to lend your efforts to build a world based in abundance, to love without fear. We bless you on this day and give thanks for your gifts and calling.

God has been with you, Rayce, since the beginning of your life, shaping and forming you. On this day, as you are ordained to ministry as a prophetic leader rooted in the gospel, God is still with you—as are the people of the Alliance of Baptists. As a movement, we pledge to you our support and prayers. We give thanks to God for this day and for your ministry!

Yours in Christ,

Paula Clayton Dempsey
director of partnership relations

Carole Collins
director of finance and operations

Presentation

Prelude

How Great Thou Art
Michael Burkhardt

Laura Wind

Communion

Softly and Tenderly
arranged by Tom Porter

Chapel Choir

Welcome and Greetings

Lia Scholl
Katherine Shaner

Communion will be served by intinction—receive the bread and dip it in the cup. At Wake Forest Baptist Church, all are welcome to the Table, no exceptions.

Call to Worship

Heather Bachelder

As the deep calls to the deep
in thundering waves of faith and steadfast love,
so we stand on the mountain with Elijah,
feeling billowing waves of God's power
flowing over and through us.
Set aside your enemies—
the people, thoughts, time, and challenges—
that separate you from knowing God's love.
Clothe yourselves in Christ. Shout praise in his name,
and declare how much God has done for you.

* Sending Hymn

Blessed Assurance
**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

ASSURANCE

[Refrain:]

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]***

* Benediction

Rev. Rayce J. Lamb

Postlude

Offetorio
Domenico Zipoli

Laura Wind

* Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.***

***Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.***

***Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

* Opening Prayer Marlena Del Hierro

* Passing the Peace

* Sacred Refrain *Lead Me, Guide Me* LEAD ME GUIDE ME
**Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**Guíame, guíame en tu verdad. Si me conduces, no vagaré.
Dios, déjame contigo andar. Guíame, mi Señor.**

Prayers of the People

Lesson from the Epistles Romans 10:5-15

Sharing Our Gifts *You Are Holy* Chapel Choir
Per Harling

* Presenting Our Gifts

**To God be the glory,
to God be the Glory,
to God be the Glory,
great things You have done!**

* Offertory Prayer Alexx Andersen

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures 1 Kings 19:1-13

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Sermon *Nothing, But Nothing* Lia Scholl

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Ordination Charge Kelly Carpenter

* Charge to the Community Lia Scholl

Friends who are family and family who are friends, you have heard Rayce declare his faith and intention to serve in the ministry of the Gospel. You have seen his work among you. Do you acknowledge Rayce as a minister of the gospel and affirm his gifts in ministry to God's people?

We do.

Will you encourage him and support him throughout his ministry, in his joys and sorrows, in his victories and disappointments, pledging to him your prayerful interest and sensitive understanding?

We will, by God's grace.

Laying on of Hands

In ordination, the laying on of hands is a symbolic method of invoking the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to come forward at this time to lay hands on Rayce as we pray together to bless his ministry.

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