

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 our guest book.

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**MAY THE
FORCE
BE WITH
YOU**

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2019

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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Prelude	Laura Wind	Lesson from Our Sacred Text	Mark 1:8-21
Welcome and Opening Words		Carol	
<p>* Call to Worship (bold in unison) The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears. Call us into Your way of life, O God.</p>		Sermon <i>I Am One with the Force</i>	Lia Scholl
<p>The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision. Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.</p>		<p>* Presenting Our Gifts <i>Praise God the Source of Life</i> Praise God the source of life and breath; Praise Christ, now born to conquer death; Praise Holy Spirit's mystery: One God, pure grace, who sets us free.</p>	OLD HUNDRETH
<p>The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts. Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.</p>		* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration	
<p>Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God. Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God. Let us worship You together.</p>		<p>* Carol <i>Away in a Manger</i> Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.</p>	AWAY IN A MANGER
* Carol Sing		<p>The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.</p>	
* Opening Prayer		<p>Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.</p>	
<p>* Sharing the Peace of Christ ANTIOCH Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.</p>		* Sending Out	
<p>Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p>		Postlude	Laura Wind
Prayers of the People			