

**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.

**Advent is the season of expectation.** As we enter, let us expect good things in the world. Let us expect to share love with one another. Let us expect kindness and goodness to win. And when we are faced with things we don't expect, the lack of justice or of mercy, let us resist and disrupt together.

**This morning we welcome Rayce Lamb, our guest preacher.** Rayce is the Director of Ministry and Vocational Exploration at Wake Forest University's School of Divinity. Pastor Lia is participating in the services at Emmanuel Baptist Church in honor of Reverend John Mendez's retirement.

Next Sunday, please plan to stay around for a few minutes for a **Called Church Conference**. We'll vote on the revised Constitution and By Laws, the new slate of leaders for next year, and, hopefully, next year's budget.

**Next Sunday is also the last Sunday to bring gifts for people without homes.** We're collecting new gloves, toboggans, socks, and underwear in adult and children sizes. If you'd like to give a cash gift, we'll do the shopping for you! Just let Lia or Eve know.

You can now Text to Give! If you'd like to make your offering with a text message, just text **WFBC Offering \$50** to **73256** to give \$50 to the General Fund using your text messaging. Of course, you can change the dollar amount to your preferred amount. Standard text message rates apply. More options for online giving are coming soon!

**Bring your Beans! Beans! Offering,** the basket is available every Sunday for you to place your dried beans donation for the **New Communion Pantry**.

Following worship, **there will be no reception**, because of the school's preparation for the Lovefeast,

*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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It's not the honors and the prizes  
and the fancy outsides of life that  
ultimately nourish our souls. It's  
the knowing that we can be  
trusted, that we never have to fear  
the truth, that the bedrock of our  
very being is firm.

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- MISTER ROGERS

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Prelude *Carol of the Bells* Laura Wind  
arranged by Mark Hayes

Welcome and Opening Words Jerry Gay

\* Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Godly Play The Holy Family

Call to Worship

Mr. Rogers said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

Psalms 46 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of need." When everything feels hopeless, when life is too much, and the truth is too hard, look to the helpers. Or better yet, become a helper.

When we light the candle of Peace, we breathe in the One who helps us.

**Whatever we face in life, God's Spirit of peace will dwell within us.**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

**It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor.  
Could you be mine? Would you be mine?**

**It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood, a neighborly day for a beauty.  
Could you be mine? Would you be mine?**

**I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.  
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.**

**Let's make the most of this beautiful day, since we're together, might as well say.  
Would you be my, could you be my, won't you be my neighbor?**

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.**

Lesson from Our Sacred Text Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem *O Holy Night* Katrina Kniss, violin  
arranged by Laura Wind Anna Price, cello

Sermon *A Model to Live By* Rayce Lamb

\* Hymn #125 *Come, O Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Sharing Our Gifts *Roses and Angels*  
Jeremy Young

\* Presenting Our Gifts *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Mary.**

\* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration Alexx Andersen

Announcements

\* Closing Music #132 *When God is a Child* MOON BEAMS

\* Sending Out

Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlefolk* Laura Wind  
Mark Hayes