



Thank you for joining us for worship today. Wake Forest Baptist Church is an open 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.

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

Today there is **no reception.**

On January 26, Sunday, two new Sunday school classes will begin.

- **Steve Andrews will lead a book discussion** of *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by new WFU School of Divinity Dean, Jonathan Walton. If you would like us to order a book for you, please contact Eve or Lia.
- **Rayce Lamb will lead** a new student and young adult Sunday school class called *Encounter*. The dates of the class will be determined by whether the students are in class on Monday. This class will meet in the Faculty Lounge.

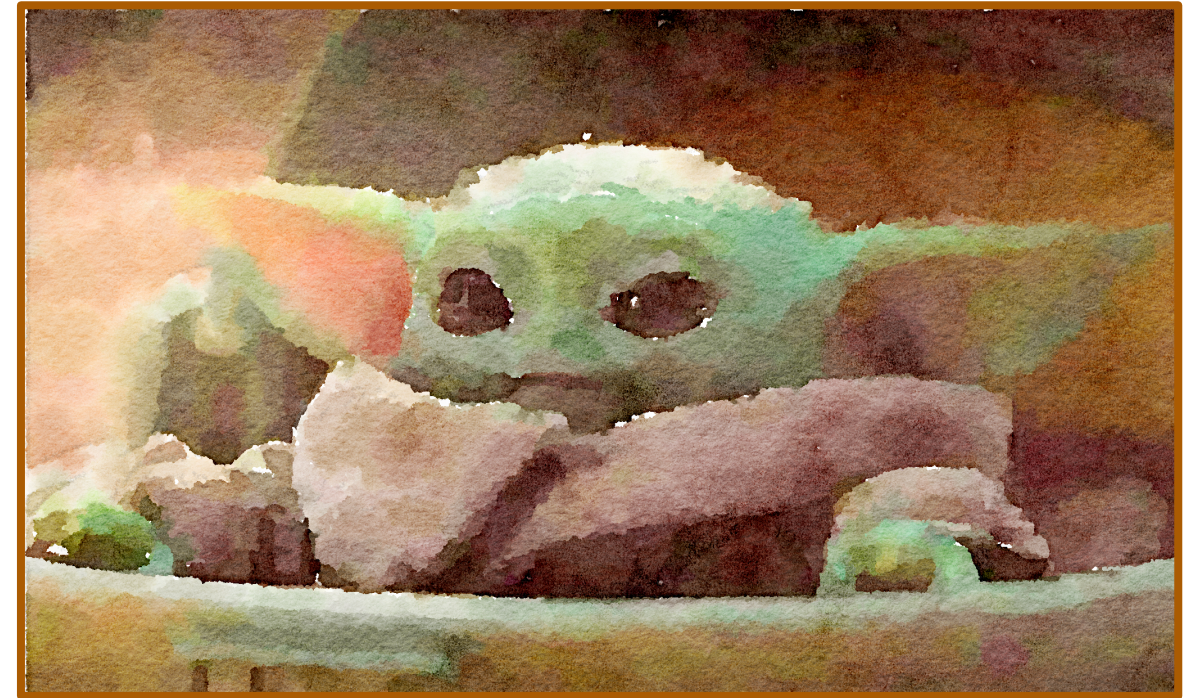
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Wake Forest Baptist Church is a progressive, welcoming and affirming Christian community committed to Jesus Christ. We value prophetic worship, thoughtful religious education, social justice, and peacemaking.

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First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2020

Prelude

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Lia Scholl

* Call to Worship (bold in unison)

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness, and seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

**God embraces the wounded and broken and
knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days
and the light of our lives.

**God heals and makes whole all who seek;
God is making all things new.**

* Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

ST. DENIO

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

* Opening Prayer

Sam Lawrence

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

Prayers of the People

Lesson from Our Sacred Text

Mark 1:21-34; 40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Star Wars Video

Special Music *Reflection on a Theme* by John Williams

Sermon

A Healing Hand

Lia Scholl

Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.*

*There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple, we would rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of the Lord.*

Sharing Our Gifts

* Presenting Our Gifts

Praise God the Source of Life

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

Alexx Andersen

* Sending Music

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

* Benediction

Postlude

Laura Wind