

### The Vision of Wake Forest Baptist Church

We will **continue to celebrate God's image in all people** by learning about and honoring other people's cultures and identities. We commit to making sure that all who visit, attend, and join Wake Forest Baptist Church feel seen and heard.

We will **care for one another in all stages of life**, from children to our seniors, from birth to death, through all of life's transitions, and we commit to accessibility for all people.

We **continue to value our relationships with Wake Forest University and its students'** contributions. We will work to provide spiritual succor and resources for them.

We will **seek justice in our communities** (congregation, neighborhood, city, state, nation and world), and let our voices be heard.

We continue **to recognize the important role of worship in our life together**. One way we do that is through musical diversity, which reflects the diversity of our interests and our commitment to the arts.

**Welcome to Wake Forest Baptist Church.** If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign our guest book.

Today, If you are able to join us for a **Called Church Conference**, please remain seated after worship. We'll consider our budget for 2020. (There will be no reception.)

Every Sunday the basket is available you to place your **Beans! Beans! Offering** of dried beans for the **New Communion Mobile Pantry**.

Are you coming to **Sunday school?** There are options!

A book discussion of **A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World** written by Jonathan Walton, the new Wake Div Dean. The class is led by Steve Andrews.

Young adults are invited to attend **Encounter!** The class meets in the Faculty Lounge and is led by Rayce Lamb.

**Text to Give!** If you'd like to give online **text WFBC Offering to 73256**.

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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 of Lent

March 1, 2020

Prelude

Laura Wind

Welcome and Opening Words

Lia Scholl

\* Call to Confession (unison)

Paul Lawrence

**O, Healing One, we cry to you for help.**

**We choose to listen for your voice above all others.**

**Be gracious to us, for we have made mistakes.**

**We have made choices that have harmed our relationships with your children and your created world.**

**Hear us, Healing God, as we move next to you in silent prayer.**

\* Words of Assurance

When we are silent, God moves!

Praise our Healing God with all your soul!

Give thanks forever, for God has chosen you!

Imposition of Ashes

Special Music

*We Rise Again from Ashes*

Choir

\* Passing the Peace

*Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
shadows of doubt are vanished away.**

**See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in; our spirits inflame.**

**Call to us now and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

Prayers of the People

Lia Scholl

Lesson from Our Sacred Text

Mark 1:12-13, 35

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him... In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

Anthem

*What a Friend We have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.***

***Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!***

***Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.***

Sermon

*Peace and Quiet*

Lia Scholl

Litany of Commitment

**Beloved, Oneness of All Things.**

**We know we must withdraw into silence and solitude and yet we resist...**

**Because if no one is around then there is no one to validate us;  
no one to reassure us that we are acceptable,  
no one to reflect our fears back to us, no one but you and sheer silence.  
But it is through solitude, that we learn who we are.  
In oneness with you, we learn to be with you and others.**

**Help us to resist the pull of other things:  
responsibilities and possessions, noise and distractions.  
Help us to draw ever deeper  
into the peace that passes understanding,  
your love which knows no bounds.**

\* Hymn

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

BEACH SPRING

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

***Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.***

***In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!***

Sharing Our Gifts

\* Presenting Our Gifts

*A Lenten Doxology*

OLD HUNDRETH

***Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts.***

words by G.W. Shepherd, 2006

\* Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

Tricia Dudley

Sending Music

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

***Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.***

***Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,  
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,  
go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.***

Benediction

Postlude