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

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

Following worship, please join us for a Mardi Gras-themed potluck in the lower auditorium. All are welcome!

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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Hymn

Out of Need and Out of Custom

Out of need and out of custom, we have gathered here again;
to the gathering we are bringing love and laughter, grief and pain.
Some believing, some rejoicing, some afraid, and some in doubt,
come we now our questions voicing, we would search these matters out.

Come we now our masks displaying, fearing that we shall be known,
foolish games forever playing, feeling meanwhile so alone.
Let pretension’s power be broken, to be human let us dare;
let the truth in love be spoken, let us now the questioning share.

We have heard the glowing stories of the things that God has done,
of the power and the glory, of God’s love in Christ the Son.
God of human transformation, for your presence now we pray,
lead us ever on the journey as we gather here today.

Opening Prayer

Passing the Peace (see insert)  The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
the Lord is my light and my salvation,
the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?

Prayers of the People  Lia Scholl

Lesson from Our Sacred Text  Mark 7:1-23
So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Anthem  Special Music

Washed Hands, Unwashed Heart  Lia Scholl

Prayer of Gratitude and Celebration

Sending Music  Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise:
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

Benediction

Postlude