Hooding Ceremony
2023

Wake Forest University
School of Divinity
Wait Chapel
Saturday, May 13
Hooding Ceremony

SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING
SATURDAY, MAY THE THIRTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE
WAIT CHAPEL

Prelude ......................................................... Matthew Bacon ('24)
Organist

Procession of the Light* ........................................ Joel Weathers ('25)
Bethany Leggett ('24)

Processional*: “Sing A New World Into Being” (page 6) ....................... NETTLETON

Opening Prayer .................................................. Kirby Jones ('24)

Welcome ........................................................... Corey D. B. Walker
Interim Dean
Wake Forest Professor of Humanities

In Memoriam ....................................................... Corey D. B. Walker

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 47: 1-12 ............................. Jasmine Logan ('23) and Daniel Lee ('23)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 15: 1-8 .............................. Alyson Anderson ('23) and Madelyn Jones ('23)

Refrain: “Deep and Wide”

*All who are able are invited to stand.
SONG. .......................................................... “Deep and Wide” by Joshua Brian Campbell
composed in honor of the graduating class of 2023

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .......................................................... Kari Baumann (’23)

HOMILY .......................................................... Jill Crainshaw
Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology
and University Ombuds

REMARKS .......................................................... Susan R. Wente
President

CONFERRING OF DEGREES .......................................................... Susan R. Wente
President
Corey D. B. Walker
Interim Dean
Wake Forest Professor of Humanities

HOODING OF THE GRADUATES AND RECEIVING OF DIPLOMAS .......................................................... Kevin Jung
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Brittani D. Hunt
Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Services
School of Divinity Faculty

VIDEO PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS GIFT .......................................................... Donnie Fragale (’23)

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

GUTHRIE PRIZE .......................................................... Kevin Jung

BILL J. LEONARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD .......................................................... Corey D. B. Walker

HONORING OF RETIRING FACULTY .......................................................... Corey D. B. Walker

BENEDICTION .......................................................... Corey D. B. Walker

RECESSINAL*: “Go in Peace. Go in Love” (page 7) .......................................................... GIPGIL

Please join us for a reception honoring the graduates in the Green Room of Reynolda Hall.
**About The Speaker**

Reverend Dr. Jill Y. Crainshaw is Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. She is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Crainshaw's teaching and writing emphasize "grounded" dimensions of worship and theology: "People encounter God as they live, work, and play in human communities and as they partner together to sustain the health of communities and the ground upon which communities are built." Crainshaw explores this dimension of spirituality and celebrates how God's sacramental gifts and presence arise from and return to human experiences.

Crainshaw has received several awards for her work as a teacher-scholar, including the 2018 Academics, Research, and Engagement award from the Wake Forest Office of Sustainability and the 2015 Teaching Innovation award from the Wake Forest Teaching and Learning Collaborative. She is the author of six books in her discipline of practical theology, including The Writing Work of the People: Liturgical Writing as Spiritual, Prophetic, and Theological Work (Episcopal Church Publishing, 2022), When I in Awesome Wonder: Liturgy Distilled from Daily Life (September 2019), They Spin with Their Hands: Women's Ordination Rites Transforming Communities of Faith (February 2015), Wisdom's Dwelling Place: Exploring a Wisdom Liturgical Spirituality (2010), Keep the Call: Leading the Congregation without Losing Your Soul (2007), and Wise and Discerning Hearts: Introduction to a Wisdom Liturgical Theology (2000). Crainshaw is also the author of two books of poetry, Cedars in Snowy Places: 52 Poems (2019) and Footnotes and Endnotes (2021). Crainshaw earned her Ph.D in Practical Theology from Union Presbyterian Seminary. A 1984 graduate of Wake Forest University, Crainshaw is an enthusiastic Demon Deacon fan.

**Class of 2023 Gift**

Members of the Class of 2023 each gave $23 toward the Wake Forest University School of Divinity outdoor seating space outside of Davis Chapel. The generosity of our supporters make the enhancement of this space possible. Your gifts play an integral role in continuing to strengthen community life within the Divinity School. The School of Divinity appreciates the Class of 2023's continued efforts in contributing to our learning community.

**Notes**

- The Commencement hashtags are #wakediv2023 and #wfugrad.
- Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.
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**Processional Hymn:**

Matthew Bacon (‘24), organ

**Recessional Hymn:**

Sally Morris, piano

**Student Marshals:**

Rebecca Gordon (‘24)
Courtney Jones (‘25)
Bethany Leggett (‘24)
Georgia McKee (‘24)
Shelby Miles (‘25)
Lance Williams (‘24)

**Musicians:**

Matthew Bacon (‘24), organ
SallyAnn Morris, piano
Courtney Jones (‘25), Hammond B3 Organ
Gabrielle Banks (‘24), drum set and percussion
Sheila Hunter, banjo and bass ukulele
awakenings Voices
About the Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize

The Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize is an award established by Wiley C. Guthrie (’52) in memory of his wife. Recipients must have a superior scholarship record, a personality suited to the requirements of Christian ministry, and have effectively participated in the school’s activities.

About the Bill J. Leonard Distinguished Service Award Pro Fide Et Humanitate

The Bill J. Leonard Distinguished Service Award is awarded annually to faculty, alumni, or friends of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Recipients embody the principle of Wake Forest’s motto of Pro Humanitate and the School’s mission, such as a commitment to diverse faith engagements and to being agents of justice, reconciliation, and compassion in Christian churches and other ministries.

The award was established and funded by the late James M. Dunn and his wife, Marilyn, to honor “the life contributions of Bill J. Leonard as teacher, scholar, historian, and as the first dean of the divinity school at Wake Forest.” Dunn served as resident professor of Christianity and public policy from 1999 until his retirement in 2014.

The first award was made during the 2009-2010 academic year to commemorate the School’s first class of entering students in 1999 and to honor the Reverend Dr. Bill J. Leonard’s decade of service to the School.

Recipients include:

2010
Bill J. Leonard
Dean and Professor of Church History (retired)

2011
Douglass “Doug” M. Bailey
Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry (retired)

2012
Laura Barclay (MDiv ’08)

2014
Michael “Mike” Aiken (’71)
Executive Director, Greensboro Urban Ministry (retired)

2015
Jo Ann Tretheway
Operations Manager, School of Divinity (retired)

2016
Jeanette Wallace Hyde (’58, LLD ’10)
United States Ambassador and Wake Forest life trustee

2017
J. Lee Hill, Jr. (MDiv ’05)

2018
Dean and Professor of New Testament and Preaching

2019
John Mendez
Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church

2020
Mark E. Jensen
Teaching Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology

2021
Chelsea Yarborough (MDiv ’15)
Assistant Professor of African American Preaching, Sacred Rhetoric and Black Practical Theology, Phillips Theological Seminary

2022
Elizabeth “Betty” Miller Strickland

2023
Jill Crainshaw
Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology
University Ombuds
DEGREE CONFERRED DECEMBER 30, 2022

MASTER OF DIVINITY

John David Budd ................................................................. Sparta, NC

MASTER OF DIVINITY
May 15, 2023 Graduates

Alyson Blaire Anderson....................................................... Williamsburg, VA
Sydney Parker Angel .......................................................... Winston-Salem, NC
Kari O’Brien Baumann ....................................................... Greensboro, NC
Amorah Brown ................................................................. Los Angeles, CA
Jared Anthony Eure Sr. ......................................................... Advance, NC
Donald F. Fragale ............................................................... Sumerduck, VA
Chloé Griffin † ................................................................. Greensboro, NC
Ari Grubner ................................................................. Barrington, IL
Gabrielle Interdonato ......................................................... Mooresville, NC
Madelyn Wynter Jones † ..................................................... Salisbury, NC
Daniel W. Lee ................................................................. Springville, AL
Jasmine Logan ................................................................. Chandler, AZ
Elizabeth Richardson § .................................................... Capeville, VA
Caroline Tucker ............................................................... Danville, VA
Beverly Bleu-Neoma Marie Walker ...................................... Richmond, VA

JURIS DOCTOR / MASTER OF DIVINITY
May 15, 2023 Graduate

Hannah Claire Norem .......................................................... Houston, TX

MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN BIOETHICS
May 15, 2023 Graduate

Lizbeth Berenice Esquivel Garcia § † ...................................... Lexington, NC

§ Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration
† Interfaith Literacy and Leadership Concentration
Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme. Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:

1. Sing a new world into being. Sound a
colors to God's limitless embrace;
dream a church where all who worship find their

2. Sing a new world into being where each
hunger but are filled in God's shalom;
dream the lines that once divided form in -
lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into

3. Sing a new world into being where the
plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;
dream where all people work for justice, where all

4. Sing a new world into being. Join the
homeless find a home, where no children ever

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Go in Peace. Go in Love

Go in peace. Go in love.
Go to seek. Go to serve.
Go in hope to work and pray. And

1.
God goes with you all the way.

2.
And God goes with you all the way.

Text: Mary Louise Braggie, b. 1953
Tune: GIPCJL; Sally Anna Morris, b. 1952
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On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.

Ezekiel 47:12 (NRSV)

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5 (NRSV)