

Hooding Geremony
2023

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
WAIT CHAPEL
SATURDAY, MAY 13



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

Prelude
Procession of the Light*
Bethany Leggett ('24)
PROCESSIONAL*: "Sing A New World Into Being" (page 6)
Opening Prayer
WELCOME
Wake Forest Professor of Humanities
In Memoriam
Scripture Reading:
OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 47: 1-12
New Testament Reading: John 15: 1-8
Refrain: "Deep and Wide"
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Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a foun - tain flow-ing deep and wide.
Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a foun - tain flow-ing deep and wide.

<sup>\*</sup>All who are able are invited to stand.

SONG
Introduction of Speaker
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Conferring of Degrees
Corey D. B. Walke Interim Dea Wake Forest Professor of Humanitie
Hooding of the Graduates and Receiving of Diplomas
Brittani D. Hun Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Service
School of Divinity Facult
Video Presentation
Presentation of the Class Gift
Special Recognitions :
Guthrie Prize
Bill J. Leonard Distinguished Service Award
Honoring of Retiring Faculty
Benediction
RECESSIONAL*: "Go in Peace Go in Love" (page 7)

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:

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Matthew Bacon ('24), organ

Sally Morris, piano

STUDENT MARSHALS:

Musicians:

Rebecca Gordon ('24) Courtney Jones ('25) Bethany Leggett ('24) Georgia McKee ('24) Shelby Miles ('25) Lance Williams ('24) Matthew Bacon ('24), organ Sally Ann Morris, piano Courtney Jones ('25), Hammond B3 Organ Gabrielle Banks ('24), drumset 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 Trethaway 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

Gail R. O'Day (1954-2018) 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
MASTER OF DIVINITY
May 15, 2023 Graduates
Alyson Blaire Anderson
Sydney Parker Angel
Kari O'Brien Baumann Greensboro, No
Amorah BrownLos Angeles, Ca
Jared Anthony Eure Sr
Donald F. Fragale
Chloé Griffin †
Ari Grubner
Gabrielle Interdonato
Madelyn Wynter Jones †
Daniel W. Lee
Jasmine Logan
Elizabeth Richardson §
Caroline Tucker
Beverly Bleu-Neoma Marie Walker
JURIS DOCTOR / MASTER OF DIVINITY  May 15, 2023 Graduate
Hannah Claire Norem Houston, T.
MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN BIOETHICS  May 15, 2023 Graduate
Lizbeth Berenice Esquivel Garcia § †
§ Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration

 $\dagger$  Interfaith Literacy and Leadership Concentration

#### SING A NEW WORLD INTO BEING



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### Go in Peace. Go in Love



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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)