



# *Baccalaureate* *2025*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
WAIT CHAPEL  
SUNDAY, MAY 18



# *The Baccalaureate Service*

CARILLON PRELUDE: Hymns for Mother, So Dear . . . . . Anthony M. Tang, *University Carillonneur*

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Fugue in E-Flat Major, BWV 552. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” (from Rubrics) . . . . . Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Susan Bates, *Adjunct Professor of Organ*

PROCESSIONAL: PHOENIX Processional . . . . . Dan Locklair

Susan Bates, *Organist*

WELCOME. . . . . Susan R. Wentz, *University President*

INVOCATION . . . . . Corey D. B. Walker, *Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

*and Wake Forest Professor of the Humanities*

HYMN: “Now In the Days of Youth” . . . . . DIADEMATA

1. Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice,  
2. Teach us to use our lives with pur - pose and with power  
3. Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive  
4. Teach-er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms;

when hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,  
for vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;  
with joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;  
be with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

we turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace.  
to choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death,  
to seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right,  
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand.

In all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.  
un - til the ra - dant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.  
to let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.  
O help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

PRAYER FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 . . . . . Caroline Avinger ('25)

Aisha Dukuly ('25)

Ted Limbert ('25)

Jack Peterson ('25)

Sofia Trujillo ('25)

Alexis Williams ('25)

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER .....Dean Walker

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:34-35 .....The Reverend Dr. K. Monet Rice, *Associate University Chaplain*

ANTHEM: "Alleluia" ..... Paul Basler (b. 1963)

Wake Forest University Chamber Choir

Christopher Gilliam, *Director*

Dr. Joanne Inkman, *Teaching Professor, Piano*

Amanda Friedman, *French Horn*

Haozhen Xu (25), *Percussion*

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS ..... The Reverend Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson, *President of Auburn Theological Seminary*

HYMN: "O God Beyond All Praising" ..... THAXTED

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1. O be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - ay  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,  
And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
That we who know your fa - or may serve you as ur King;  
For we can on - ly won - er at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
And wheth - er ur to-mor-rows be filled with good r ill,  
At bless-ings with - ut num-ber and mer-cies with-ut end.  
We'll tri-umph through ur sor-rows and rise to bless you still,  
We lift ur hearts be - fore you and wait up - n your word;  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,  
We hon - r and a - re you, ur great and might-y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful u - ty ur sac - ri - fice f praise.

BENEDICTION..... The Reverend Christopher R. Donald, *University Chaplain*

RECESSIONAL: Toccata (from Symphony 5)..... Charles Widor (1844-1937)

Susan Bates, *Organist*

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

With her appointment in 2021 as President of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City, the Rev. Emma Jordan-Simpson became the first Black woman and non-Presbyterian to lead the seminary in its 200-year history. Prior to her appointment at Auburn, Rev. Jordan-Simpson was the 26th Executive Director of Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR USA), which over its century of peacemaking has counted among its members the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Congressman John Lewis, Thich Nhat Hanh and Bayard Rustin.

Grounded in the Black church tradition, Rev. Jordan-Simpson claims the identity of pastor and embodies that ethos among the people as one who understands ministry as a call to both spiritual and social transformation. Rev. Jordan-Simpson was ordained in 1989 by the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, and her leadership in New York City has been representative of her congregation's faith convictions and focused on building community and healing Black lineages. Her leadership among New York's advocates centered on justice for children. As Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund – New York, she worked with advocates to name and dismantle New York's cradle to prison pipeline crisis; to prioritize youth justice within New York's diverse faith communities; and to close abusive youth prisons and redirect resources to invest in youth and their families.

She was the founding Executive Director of Girls Inc. of New York City. Prior to that, she served as Executive Vice President of the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation. Rev. Jordan-Simpson is past President of American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York and serves on the Boards of FPWA, Faith Matters Network, NYC Kids Rise, Common Justice and Western States Center.

Rev. Jordan-Simpson makes her home in the great borough of Brooklyn, New York, and she and her husband, Dr. Gary V. Simpson, are the proud parents of three amazing adult children, Candace, David and Rocky.

## WAKE FOREST CHAMBER CHOIR

Director: Christopher Gilliam, *Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music*

Accompanist: Joanne Inkman, *Teaching Professor of Music*

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Hollis Carbrey ('28)	Alexandra Eliasek ('25)	Sidd Advani ('27)	Will Callewaert ('26)
Anna Cooke ('28)	Michelle Ferrone ('27)	Brian Dick ('27)	Ethan Elvander ('27)
Chloe Han ('27)	Carly Galbreth ('27)	Max Digman (MDiv '25)	Rush Forquer ('26)
Sophie Keeley ('25)	Sasha Logue ('28)	Colby Mitchell ('25)	Charlie Huebner ('25)
Anna Kitts ('25)	Georgia Merchen ('28)	Keylor Piers ('28)	Bradley Jiang ('27)
Isa Meeker ('26)	Maya Roth ('27)	Sean Wilcox ('27)	Grayson Marty ('28)
Ella Montgomery ('27)	Marley Schwarz ('26)		Winston Miller ('28)
Sonali Peiris ('25)	Allison Sweeney ('28)		Conner Milstead ('25)
Liz Pezeu ('25)	Tyndall Talley ('28)		Jack Schuhmacher ('28)
Nora Resk ('25)	Lauren Veldhuizen ('26)		Stuart Stafford ('28)
Asha Roland ('27)	Gabi Velinova ('28)		Jack Tompson ('28)
Kenna Suttle ('28)	Kate Wingate ('27)		
Alaina Wharton ('28)	Hannah Winn ('28)		
Jenna Yount ('26)	Callie Wittmann ('27)		



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