



Baccalaureate
2026

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
WAIT CHAPEL
SUNDAY, MAY 17



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. Wentze, *University President*

INVOCATION The Reverend Julie Tonnesen, *Associate University Chaplain*

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 - diant 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 2026 Edward Alexander Bricio (‘26)

Hannah Mizelle Johnson (‘26)

Shaan Juthani Mehta (‘26)

Isabella Jade Santos (‘26)

Mai Zohair Soliman (‘26)

Salima Shulamit Zeira (‘26)

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Corey D. B. Walker, *Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity
and Wake Forest Professor of the Humanities*

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 6:9-10 The Reverend K. Monet Rice-Jalloh, *Senior Associate University Chaplain*

ANTHEM: "Sweet Hallelujah" Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

Wake Forest University Chamber Choir
Christopher Gilliam, *Director*
Joanne Inkman, *Piano*
Dante Thomas, *Percussion*

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS The Reverend Eugene Cho, *President and CEO of Bread for the World*

HYMN: "O God Beyond All Praising" THAXTED

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
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 - vor may serve you as our King;
For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
At bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,
We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

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

Susan Bates, *Organist*

TODAY'S SPEAKER

The Rev. Eugene Cho is President and CEO of Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian advocacy organization that educates on hunger and equips people to advocate for policies to end it in the U.S. and around the world.

By weaving together scripture, personal stories and accessible hunger data, Cho empowers pastors, leaders, missionaries and justice workers from churches and nonprofits throughout the world to pursue God's kingdom here on Earth.

Cho is co-chair of the U.S. Nutrition CEO Council, the body of leaders from international NGOs encouraging the U.S. government, civil society, corporations and others to make global nutrition expertise into law and policy. He serves on the board of Interaction, which is the largest U.S.-based alliance of INGOs and partners. He is also a member of the Coordinating Committee for the Circle of Protection, a coalition of church bodies and related ministries. This group transcends theological, sociological and political differences to advocate for U.S. government policies that better address the needs of people experiencing poverty and vulnerability.

Cho has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an Outstanding American by Choice, which recognizes "the significant contributions and achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens." When he was a child, his parents made the difficult decision to leave South Korea to come to the United States.

Before accepting his current position in 2020, Cho pastored local churches for nearly 30 years. He founded One Day's Wages, which works to promote awareness of extreme global poverty, encourage simple giving (one day's wages) and support sustainable relief through partnerships, especially with small organizations in developing regions.

Cho has been married to Minhee J. Cho for nearly 30 years, and they have three adult children.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY 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)	Camryn D'Abreu-Carr ('29)	Sidd Advani ('27)	James Adams ('29)
Anna Cooke ('28)	Michelle Ferrone ('27)	Ian DeGraaf (JD '27)	Andy Behrman ('28)
Aahana Gupta ('29)	Carly Galbreth ('27)	Brian Dick ('26)	Will Callewaert ('26)
Katherine Maize ('26)	Ellen Harper ('28)	Ian Goldenberg ('29)	Ethan Elvander ('27)
Isa Meeker ('26)	Sasha Logue ('28)	Keylor Piers ('28)	Rush Forquer ('26)
Ella Montgomery ('27)	Georgia Merchen ('27)	William Popp ('29)	Charlie Glass ('29)
Sophie Petronzio ('29)	Izzi Roos ('29)	Jack Radbill ('27)	Bradley Jiang ('27)
Kenna Suttle ('28)	Maya Roth ('27)	Camden Safley (JD '26)	Winston Miller ('28)
Allison Sweeney ('28)	Marley Schwarz ('26)	Sean Wilcox ('28)	Matthew Palmieri ('29)
Tyndall Talley ('28)	Lulit Semagne ('29)		Ushan Prior ('29)
Emily Vanlandingham	Remi Silverman ('29)		Jack Schuhmacher ('28)
Jenna Yount ('28)	Erica Smith ('29)		Jack Tompson ('28)
	Lauren Veldhuizen ('26)		DuBose Tuller (MS '27)
	Gabi Velinova ('28)		Henry Wood ('29)
	Kate Wingate ('27)		
	Hannah Winn ('28)		
	Callie Wittmann ('27)		



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