

# The CANNUAL ——— WAKE FOREST LOVEFEAST



In Apostolic times, Christians periodically observed a common meal called agape from the Greek word meaning love. The Lovefeast continued as an important part of Christian worship for centuries, but eventually almost faded away. Then in 1727, a little band of Moravians gathered by Count Zinzendorf reintroduced it, and Moravian missionaries and immigrants carried the custom to the Americas. The first Lovefeasts of the Moravian Church in North America were held in Savannah, Ga., during the years 1735 to 1740. The first Lovefeast in North Carolina was held on the evening of the arrival of the first Moravian colonists in the settlement of Bethabara on November 17, 1753.

Begun by Moravian students in 1965, the first Wake Forest Lovefeast drew fewer than 200 people; now, with more than 2,000 in attendance each year, this simple service has become one of our oldest and grandest traditions. Through all the changes that Wake Forest has undergone over the years, a certain spirit, an appreciable character, remains. A new entering class of Demon Deacons and an ever-changing campus environment do not extinguish that spirit. Tonight's Christmas Lovefeast will not soften the changes that seem to await all of us, but it will help assure that the spirit of Wake Forest endures.

# WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY ANNUAL LOVEFEAST

Dec. 4, 2016 • 4:30 p.m. • Wait Chapel

## Musical Prelude for Carillon and Brass

Raymond Ebert ('60), University Carillonneur Jiayi Baolin (George) ('18) Jack Laughlin ('18) Suzanne Mullins ('18) Jessica Wu ('19) Student Carillonneurs Robah Ogburn, Director, Historic Bethabara Community Band

## The Lovefeast Consort

Sally Ann Morris, piano Haochen Wu ('19), guitar Sajant Anand ('17, flute Sashank Sakamuri ('19), cello Nia Carter ('19), oboe

#### Carol

#### While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come While we are waiting, come Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, While we are waiting, come

With pow'r and glory, come With pow'r and glory, come Jesus our Lord Emmanuel With pow'r and glory, come

Come, Savior, quickly come Come, Savior, quickly come Jesus our Lord Emmanuel Come, Savior, quickly come

#### Welcome

The Rev. Timothy L. Auman, University Chaplain

## Call to Worship

Larry Jones, Campus Minister for the Wesley Foundation

## Lighting of Advent Candle

Liturgical Dancers - Amazing Grace

Carol (please stand as you are able)

#### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and discord cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



# Prayer

Rev. Virginia Christman, Associate Chaplain

## An Advent Reading

There Was a Time by Fr. Joseph Breighner

#### Readers:

Elizabeth Johnson Orr, Director of Catholic Programming Fr. Millard Constantine Shepard, Campus Minister for Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Adwoa Asante, Campus Minister for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Fr. James Franklin, Campus & Young Adult Missioner for Episcopal Student Fellowship

Orita McCorkle, Staff Counselor for University Counseling Center

Response: Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

## Serving of the Lovefeast

The First Nowell

Don Armitage, University Organist

All: The first Nowell the angel did say

was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain (all): Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Women: They looked up and saw a star

shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain (all): Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Men: This star drew nigh to the northwest,

o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain (all): Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

All: Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;

Who hath made heaven and earth of naught and with His blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain (all): Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.



## Winston-Salem Girls Chorus

Night of Silence

Anne M. Saxon, Director, Cynthia Saylor, pianist

## **Concert Choir**

Somerset Carol

Arrangement by Martin Shaw

Brian L. Gorelick, Conductor

# **Blessing**

Malika Roman Isler, Director of Wellbeing and Roman Isler Family

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Bless thy dear ones everywhere, and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.

# Partaking of the Lovefeast

"Angel and Star"

Winston Salem Girls Chorus and Home Moravian Children's Choir

#### **Concert Choir**

O Little Town of Bethlehem Arrangement by Dale Warland Brian L. Gorelick, Conductor

## Carol

Child of the Poor / What Child IsThis?

Choir: Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid, wrapped in the chill of mid-winter; comes now among us, born into poverty's embrace, new life for the world. Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger? This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

All: What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Choir: Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us?

Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God?

Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

All: Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

All: So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come one and all to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Choir: Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace; bring those with nothing to offer.

Strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened of hearts: "Fear not: here is your God".

Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.



## Lighting of the Candles

## Carol

Morning Star

Winston Salem Girls Chorus and Home Moravian Children's Choir

(The Children will lead and the Congregation will follow.)

Choir: Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!

People: Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!

Choir: Jesus mine,
People: In me shine,
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People: Jesus mine;

Unison: Fill my heart with light divine.

Choir: Morning Star, Thy glory bright; Far excels the sun's clear light; People: Morning Star, Thy glory bright; Far excels the sun's clear light.

Choir: Jesus be,
People: Constantly,
Choir: Constantly,
People: Jesus be

Unison: More than thousand suns to me.

Choir: Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star, Cheer the nations near and far;

People: Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star, Cheer the nations near and far.

Choir: Thee we own,
People: Lord alone,
Choir: Lord alone,
People: Thee we own,

Unison: Our great Saviour, God's dear Son.

Choir: Morning Star, my soul's true Light, Tarry not, dispel my night;

People: Morning Star, my soul's true Light, Tarry not, dispel my night.

Choir: Jesus mine,
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People: Jesus mine;

Unison: Fill my heart with light divine.

## Carol (Please stand as you are able)

#### O Come All Ye Faithful

Donald L. Armitage, University Organist

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God, glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

#### Benediction

Fr. Marcel Amadi, Campus Minister for the Catholic Community

#### **Postlude**

The Love Feast Consort



The offering received at the exit doors goes to the Chaplain's Emergency Fund, which assists students, staff and faculty during times of crisis.

To learn more about Lovefeast or to donate to the Chaplain's Emergency Fund, please visit lovefeast.wfu.edu.



The luminaries lighting Hearn Plaza tonight have been provided by the Office of the President in recognition of the Wake Forest University Trustees and in honor of Wake Forest students, who donate over 600 hours of service annually to the Winston-Salem Ronald McDonald House. The funds raised through the Ronald McDonald House Light a Luminary Project are used to support this "home away from home" for families of children receiving medical care in our community's hospitals.

We appreciate the participation of the Flute Choir, the Concert Choir the Traditional Moravian Band, University Organist, carillonneurs, the dieners and APO Service Fraternity who assisted in setting up the luminaries.

