



— *The 60th Annual* —

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 nearly faded away. Then in 1727, a small band of Moravians assembled by German religious and social reformer, Count Nicolaus 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, Georgia, from 1735 to 1740. In North Carolina, the first Lovefeast was held on the evening of November 17, 1753, the day the first Moravian colonists arrived at the settlement of Bethabara in what is now Winston-Salem.

Begun by Moravian students in 1965, the first Wake Forest Lovefeast drew fewer than 200 people. Nearly six decades later, this simple service has become one of our University’s oldest and most beloved traditions. Gathering each year as a community for Christmas Lovefeast helps assure that the abiding spirit and appreciable character of Wake Forest endure.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY ANNUAL LOVEFEAST

December 8, 2024 • 7 p.m. • Wait Chapel

Prelude

- Magnificat primi toni Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)
Noël Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)
Selections from Nun komm der Heiden heiland Hugo Distler (1908-1942)
Morning Star Margaret V. Sandresky (b. 1921)
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing arr. Tim Fisher (b. 1949)
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Susan Bates, organist
Lovefeast Brass Quintet



Introit

- Sir Christèmas William Matthias (1934-1992)
Wake Forest University Chamber Choir & Concert Choir, Christopher Gilliam, director

- Welcome and Call to Worship The Reverend Dr. Chris Donald
University Chaplain

- Lighting of the Advent Candle Stella Ross (‘25)
O Magnum Mysterium William Byrd (1543-1623)
Schola Cantorum, Christopher Gilliam, director

Opening Hymn *(Please stand with the choir as you are able.)*

- O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES
arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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.

Meditation Carol Suite 1
Recorder Ensemble, Stewart Carter, director

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 Jasmine Logan
Assistant Director of Programming, Program for Leadership and Character

Prayer Elizabeth Johnson Orr
Associate University Chaplain for Spiritual Formation

Poem

“There Was a Time” Fr. Joseph Breighner
Readers:
Roscoe Bell, *Program Coordinator, Program for Leadership and Character*
Ashley Hawkins-Parham, *Director, Office of Wellbeing*
Sara Jane Horne, *Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship*
Liz Dinkins, *Campus Minister for Lutheran Student Movement*

Music Carol Suite 2
Recorder Ensemble, Stewart Carter, director



Serving of the Lovefeast (*Please wait until after the blessing to partake.*)
A gluten-free option is available. Please let your diener know if you need one.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI 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, 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!

Hymn

What Child Is This? GREENSLEEVES

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!

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.
Raise, raise the lullaby, the virgin sings her lullaby,
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Music

Sussex Carol arr. Tim Fisher (b. 1949)

Lovefeast Brass Quintet

Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone,
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

What can I give him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet, what I can I give him, Give my heart.

Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

arr. Kathryn Levy

Flute Choir, Kathryn Levy, director

Hymn

Festival First Nowell arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

ALL (in Unison): The first Nowell the angels 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: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

High Voices (in Unison): They looked up and saw a star shining in the east
beyond them far;

Low Voices (in Unison): And to the earth it gave great light and so it
continued both day and night.

CHOIR ONLY: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

ALL (in Unison): Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heavenly Lord; That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with His love mankind had bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Blessing President Susan Wenthe and Dr. Chris Hardy

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

Music

Listen, Children, Hear the Angels Sing Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
A Lullaby Ryan Murphy (b. 1971)

*Wake Forest University Chamber Choir & Concert Choir, Christopher Gilliam, director
Joanne Inkman, piano, Lovefeast String Quartet*

Lighting of the Candles *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Hymn *(Congregation sings bolded text.)*

Morning Star HAGEN
Francis Florentine Hagen (1815-1907)

Soloist: 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!
Soloist: Jesus mine,
People: In me shine,
Soloist: In me shine,
People: Jesus mine;
All: Fill my heart with light divine.

Soloist: 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.

Soloist: Jesus mine,
People: In me shine,
Soloist: In me shine,
People: Jesus mine;
All: Fill my heart with light divine.

Hymn

Silent Night STILLE NACHT
arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

All (in unison): Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heav'nly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

All (in unison): Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

SHORT CHORAL INTERLUDE

All (in unison): Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, "Alleluia" to our King, "Christ the Savior is born," "Christ the Savior is born."

Hymn *(Please remain standing.)*

Joy to the World. ANTIOCH
arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

All: Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

All: Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

All: No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessing flow, Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

All (raising candles): He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, And wonders
of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Benediction.....The Reverend Dr. K. Monet Rice-Jalloh
Associate University Chaplain

Organ Postlude

How Great Our Joy..... arr. Tim Fisher (b. 1949)
Toccata from Dieu parmi nous..... Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
(from *La Nativité du Seigneur*)

Susan Bates, organist



Freewill offering supports the Chaplain's Emergency Fund,
which provides financial assistance to members of the
Wake Forest Community during times of crisis.



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PARTICIPANTS:

Brass Quintet

Julio Jeri, trumpet
Hannah Markun, trumpet
Amanda Friedman, french horn
Nick Lewis, trombone
Matt Ransom, tuba
Timothy Heath, percussion

String Quartet

Medb Glatt ('26) and
Kyria Pidherny ('25), violin
Valentina Masone ('26), viola
Sarah Bo ('26), cello

Recorder Ensemble

Stewart Carter, director

Janani Krishnakumar ('26) Aimee Mepham* * Faculty/ Staff
Walker Wilkins ('27) Stewart Carter*

Flute Choir

Kathryn Levy, director

Megan Francisco* Natalie Smith* Karina Yang ('27)
Janani Krishnakumar ('26) Yilin Tan ('27) Alyssa Zaepfel ('25)
Michael Shuman* Annabella Veneziano ('28) * Faculty/ Staff

Organist

Susan Bates

Wake Forest University Chamber Choir

Soprano

Hollis Carbrey ('28)

Anna Cooke ('28)

Chloe Han ('28)

Sophie Keeley ('25)

Anna Kitts ('25)

Kacey Liang ('27)

Katherine Maize ('26)

Isabela Meeker ('26)

Ella Montgomery ('27)

Sonali Peiris ('25)

Liz Pezeu ('25)

Nora Resk ('25)

Asha Roland ('27)

Kenna Suttle ('28)

Alaina Wharton ('28)

Alto

Finley Ahearn ('28)

Isabel Cali ('26)

Alexandra Eliasek ('25)

Michelle Ferrone ('27)

Carly Galbreth ('27)

Sasha Logue ('28)

Maya Roth ('27)

Tyndall Talley ('28)

Lauren Veldhuizen ('26)

Gabi Velinova ('28)

Kate Wingate ('27)

Hannah Winn ('28)

Callie Wittmann ('27)

Tenor

Sidd Advani ('27)

Matt Bourguignon ('26)

Brian Dick ('26)

Max Digman (MDiv '25)

Colby Mitchell ('26)

Keylor Piers ('28)

Jack Radbill ('27)

Bass	Charlie Huebner ('25)	Jack Schuhmacher ('28)
Will Callewaert ('26)	Grayson Marty ('28)	Jack Tompson ('28)
Ethan Elvander ('27)	Winston Miller ('28)	
Rush Forquer ('26)	Conner Milstead ('25)	



Wake Forest University Schola Cantorum

Hollis Carbrey ('28)	Anna Kitts ('25)	Sonali Peiris ('25)
Brian Dick ('26)	Sasha Logue ('28)	Nora Resk ('25)
Max Digman (MDiv '25)	Winston Miller ('28)	Kate Wingate ('27)
Michelle Ferrone ('27)	Conner Milstead ('25)	Hannah Winn ('28)
Charlie Huebner ('25)	Colby Mitchell ('26)	

Wake Forest University Lyric (Concert Choir)

Soprano	Allison Sweeney ('28)	Ellen Harper ('28)
Jodi Katti (MSA '25)	Alto	Aurora Higginbotham ('28)
Caroline Krebs ('28)	Yijia Fu ('24)	Georgia Merchen ('27)
Alison McConvery ('28)	Alexandra Guzman Geraldino ('28)	



Hearing assistance devices are available for this evening's service.

To learn more, please visit the chapel Narthex.



Special Thanks From the Office of the Chaplain

Volunteers

Lovefeast would not be possible without the support of so many people in our Wake Forest and Winston-Salem Community. Each year, a dedicated team of volunteers, led by dieners (a German word for those who serve the congregation during the Lovefeast) and supported by greeters and runners, help create this special holiday event. Many volunteers have been serving for years, and this year, we celebrate their service with volunteer ladders marking their years of dedication. We are grateful for both our veteran volunteers and those serving for the first time. If you're inspired to serve at Lovefeast next year, please email chaplain@wfu.edu to be the first to know when Lovefeast 2025 volunteer registration opens. Thank you all for making this event possible!

Mary Ann Fogle Service League - Lovefeast Candles

These lovely symbols of the Moravian holiday season are handcrafted by the Mary Ann Fogle Service League, part of Home Moravian Church. Dipped and trimmed with care, they are a true symbol of the holiday season in Winston-Salem. We are so grateful, in particular, to the many residents of Salemtowne who helped fill our order. This year, it is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Mary Dull, one of the best-known and beloved members of the Mary Ann Fogle Service League and a long-time resident of Salemtowne. Mary's bright spirit and dedication to our community, especially her years of making thousands of beeswax candles for Wake Forest University's annual Lovefeast, will never be forgotten. We are deeply grateful for the warmth she brought into our lives, and as we light our candles this evening, we know her light will continue to shine on, both in this moment and for years to come.

Mrs Pumpkin's - Moravian Buns

Founded in 1985, Mrs. Pumpkin's started as a family bakery in Winston-Salem and has since grown into a veteran-owned business with 36 years of experience serving Central North Carolina. From humble beginnings with family recipes, they have expanded to a full-service kitchen, bakery, and retail store, offering Moravian recipes, prepared meals, catering, custom cakes, wholesale items, and fundraising programs for local organizations.

Myers Greenhouse - Poinsettias

Since 1980, Myers Greenhouse has been a trusted local destination for high-quality plants and expert advice. Offering a wide selection of bedding plants, annuals, perennials, shrubs, houseplants, vegetable plants, herbs, and seasonal favorites, they cater to every gardener's needs. Specializing in plants suited to our region, they take pride in helping their customers grow vibrant, thriving gardens.

Campus Partners

There are many details that go into putting on a special service like Lovefeast, and we want to extend a heartfelt note of gratitude to the many campus partners who contributed to Lovefeast. To Chris Gilliam, along with the choir and musicians who bring the spirit and emotional experience to life; to Matthew Buie-Nervik and the Audio-Visual Team for the lighting and live-streaming; to Jessica Wallace and the team at Harvest Table, who provided both the sweet Moravian coffee and the warm hospitality you have experienced during the Lovefeast; to Tim Kerr and the team at Facilities and Campus Services who ensure that all of the set-up and break down of the many intricate material pieces of Lovefeast take place seamlessly, we are immeasurably grateful for your expertise and commitment to Lovefeast!



One of the greatest joys of the holiday season is lifting up others. This year has been especially challenging for some members of our Wake Forest community. In the spirit of the season, please consider making a gift to the Chaplain's Emergency Fund. Throughout the year, the Chaplain's Fund supports students, staff and faculty who are facing financial hardship.

Make a gift to the Chaplain's Fund at go.wfu.edu/cef.



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