



WAKE FOREST FOUNDERS DAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2023
4 P.M., WAIT CHAPEL

*Following the service, there will be a reception for the
campus community and guests on Hearn Plaza.*

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Sonata No. 3 in A Major Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Susan Bates, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Music

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS. Susan R. Wentz
President

IN MEMORIAM:

“O Salutaris Hostia”. Ēriks Ešēvalds (b. 1977)
Wake Forest University Chamber Choir
Christopher Gilliam, Director

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR ORATION. Monique O’Connell
Interim Associate Dean of Faculty
Professor of History, Dr. James Barefield Endowed Faculty Fellow
Laura Denlinger
Academic Counselor and Tutoring Specialist
Center for Learning, Access and Student Success

SENIOR ORATION:

“Through My Lens” Kaitlyn Fox

ANTHEM:

“Seasons of Love” (Rent) Jonathan Larson (1960-1996)
Singers from WFU Theatrical Singing Classes

FOUNDERS DAY REFLECTION. Michele Gillespie
Provost

COMMUNITY READING:

Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson’s 1992 Founders Day address, “To Honor the Legacy”
Wake Forest Community Members

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION OF MERIT President Wentz
2023 Recipient: J. Reid Morgan (’75, JD ’79)

The Medallion of Merit is the highest honor given by Wake Forest and is presented annually for outstanding achievement and distinguished contribution to the University. For a list of past recipients, visit go.wfu.edu/medallionofmerit.

CLOSING REMARKS Rev. Dr. Corey D. B. Walker
Interim Dean, School of Divinity

POSTLUDE:

Prelude in B Major, Opus 7 Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)