

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: In sharing the peace of Christ, we express the reconciliation, unity and love that come only from God, and we open ourselves to the power of God’s love to heal our brokenness and make us agents of that love in the world. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us exchange signs of peace with one another.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Carolyn Joy Wiles

THE OFFERING OF OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Offertory Anthem

“What Child Is This”

Handbell Ensemble

***Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:33-39

NT page 158

SERMON

“Intercession”

Rebekah Maul

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles Creed

ecumenical version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

CALL TO COMMUNION

“In Remembrance of Me”

Hymn #521

***In remembrance of me, eat this bread,
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your neighbors in, let them in.***

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

The Bread and Wine Shared

Unison Prayer

**Loving God, thank you for this table and for this holy meal.
You have fed us with the Bread of Life. We have been renewed
to receive you once again. In gratitude, we pray that you will
brighten our way, and help us step out boldly in your love.
Fill us with eagerness that waits for the dawn. Come,
Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymn #121 v 1,3,4

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Hymn #106 v1

***Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.***

POSTLUDE



* - All who are able may stand

Bold Type - congregation responds in unison

**What’s Happening at
Wake Forest Presbyterian**

GENEROSITY UPDATE: The response has been strong. Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are close to meeting the asking ministry budget for 2018. If you have not made a pledged financial commitment to the ministry and mission of WFPC, do so prayerfully, as we actively work together to touch lives with the power, healing, and message of Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE: This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, so our worship schedule has changed. At 9 AM, we will have our Family Service in the CLC, featuring the children of WFPC. At 11:15 AM, our Traditional Service (featuring our Music Ministry) will take place in the sanctuary. Our Candlelight and Communion Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11 PM.

WOW BIBLE STUDY IS COLLECTING CLEAN COATS and warm clothing on Sunday, December 10. Joint Bible study groups will be serving dinner to those in need of a warm meal that afternoon, and we would like to also provide some warm clothing. There will be bins in the narthex and the CLC for you to drop off any items. Please bring items ONLY on December 10. Contact Sandie Buda (sandiebuda@nc.rr.com) with questions. Thank you for helping us help others!

MISSION AND OUTREACH

GIVING TREE: NEW MISSION GIVING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS!!! This year Mission and Outreach is doing a new thing -- we have two Christmas trees set out that have "ornaments" for you to take home. They highlight three missions of the church to which you and your family can give gifts: Christmas Angel, Back Pack Buddies, and the PC USA Giving Catalog. You pick an ornament that will have instructions on how to help; we will "de-decorate" our trees all the way up to Christmas Eve. There’s a table with instructions next to the trees. Please note: if you take a Christmas Angel, the gifts being distributed through the Boys and Girls Club need to be returned by Sunday, December 17.

ADULT MINISTRIES

THE JOY GROUP WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9. We will gather in the CLC at 9:30 and enjoy our holiday brunch at 10:00. Edie and Warren Melhado will be our hosts. Please contact Edie at emelhado@nc.rr.com or 919-435-1325 with your RSVP and potluck brunch offering. Everyone is invited to bring a Secret Santa edible gift to exchange (individual or as a couple), with a \$10 limit.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT MILTON’S PIZZA & PASTA in Wakefield on Tuesday, December 5, for great food, fun, and fellowship! You may dine in or carry out between 5 and 10 PM. A portion of all sales will benefit the scholarship fund for WFPP when you tell your server that you are with Wake Forest Presbyterian Preschool. We hope you don’t miss out on this opportunity to support a great cause!

HIS KIDS MINISTRIES

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: WFPC Children's Ministry invites you and your child to join us in a beautiful new tradition...a Christmas Eve pageant! ALL children have a role in the pageant, no rehearsal required! All families are encouraged to join us in the CLC on Sunday, December 24, at 9:00 AM as the children of the church present the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. You will have the opportunity to sign your child up as an animal, angel, or shepherd.

NEXT CLUB 4/5 MEETING: Sunday, December 17 -- Random Acts of Kindness day!

DECEMBER FIRST FRIDAYS FOR FAMILIES will take place on December 8 (to accommodate Walk Through Bethlehem). We will be meeting a bit earlier than usual -- 5:30 instead of 6:00. We’ll be making Advent prayer chains, eating pizza, and watching “The Muppet Christmas Carol!” Please RSVP to Amy Cebrick at amycebrick@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: It’s that time again! WFPC Youth are heading out into our community to do nice things for people. Mark your calendars for December 10 from 4:00 - 7:00. We will start at the church by stuffing stockings for the participants in the Meals on Wheels program that meet in our church daily. We will then divide into cars and head out for our random acts. We will meet back at the church to share dinner and stories from the evening. Be on the lookout for the form to sign up! It is imperative that you sign up so we know how many drivers to secure.

WE NEED SINGERS! All middle school and high school youth are invited to join a choir to sing at the 9:00 AM service on Christmas Eve (arriving at 8:15). Rehearsals will be on 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 from 5:30 until 6:00 in the CLC. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Lisa Dolfi at 919-761-5245 or lisadolfi@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL DANCE: All youth are invited to join Liturgical Dance on December 10. If you are interested, please plan on rehearsing today from 12:30-1:30 in the sanctuary and December 8 from 7:00-8:00. Contact Lynn Briones at lbhousefull@gmail.com.

WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN! Many thanks to all the members of WFPC who have been involved in the 2017 production of Walk Through Bethlehem. Without your efforts, WFPC would not have been able to give this fine gift to our community. But soon, just like Christmas decorations, we must take down the set and the props and then store them until next year. On Saturday, December 9, we will be packing up Bethlehem for storage. For the early risers some will be starting at 8:30, but any time that you have will be appreciated. We plan to finish by noon.