

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF DIVINITY



Class of 2009

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PRELUDE: Choral Song and Fugue..... Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
Donald L. Armitage, University Organist

“Sleepers, Wake” ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
Soon and Very Soon ..... Andrae Crouch  
Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God) ..... Traditional South African Song  
Christine Ebert and Yoonjung Na, piano

“We all believe in one true God” ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

FACULTY PROCESSIONAL: Musique Royale..... Michel Richard Delalande

GRADUATES PROCESSIONAL: “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” ..... HENDON  
Matthew Johnson, MDiv ’10; Clare Johnson, MDiv/MA ’11; Ellen Sizemore, MDiv/MA ’12

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning. . . . . Kellie Browne  
*Genesis 1:1-5* ..... Karen Dresser, MDiv ’06 (Hebrew)  
Greg Dover (English)

Leader: Out of chaos, there came order. From the darkness, there came light.

**People: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I say  
‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night’, even the  
darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

Leader: In the beginning. . . . . James Powell (Greek)  
*John 1:1-5* ..... Amanda Singleton (English)

Leader: Out of the eternal Logos, there came the incarnate Christ. From the darkness, there came light.

**People: There will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their  
light, and they will reign forever and ever. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the  
last, the beginning and the end.**

\* HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ..... ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, life and love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

WELCOME..... Emily Hull

PRAYER..... Barbara Calvin

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11* ..... Hannah McMahan

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 13:44-46, 51-53* ..... Rodney Coleman

ANTHEM: "The Servant Song" ..... Richard Gillard  
The Divinity School Choir  
Laura Jane Kist, Director

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 12:1-2* ..... Shawn Small

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:..... Lin Bunce

INSPIRATIONAL SELECTION: "For Every Mountain" ..... Richard Smallwood  
Lift Every Voice Ensemble

COMMUNITY ADDRESS ..... B. Diane Lipsett  
Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins

\* HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" ..... SLANE

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, Creator of all.

HOODING OF THE GRADUATES.....Doug Bailey, Jill Crainshaw, James Dunn  
Mark Jensen, Kevin Jung, Bill Leonard  
Diane Lipsett, Veronice Miles, Frank Tupper

AFFIRMATION LITANY ..... Jeremy Fox, Steven Fuller, Brooks Johnson, John Lawrence, Helen Logan,  
Reggie Mathis, Linda Osborne, LaDessa Pearson, Chrissy Tatum

Leader: From this moment of communal jubilation and within this sacred space of collective reflection and commemoration, we have come together to celebrate the culmination of one journey and the launch of a new voyage. In this place, where the bread of our community has been baked from diverse grains and where the wine that fills our cups to overflowing has been poured from vats molded from the clay of a colorful and vibrant generation, we have come to partake in this feast of thanksgiving.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for all and for all things.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we are grateful to the faculty and staff of this Divinity School who have invited us into a place of sharp and cunning wisdom with tender and loving care. By constantly inviting us to glean from one another as well as those who have come before, you have invited us to envision a new future for ourselves, blazing a new trail into the possibilities that wait in the land of uncertainty. Through your careful witness to the study of your craft, you have supplied a fixed foundation that will uphold us in years to come. We celebrate you as you have celebrated us.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for faculty and staff.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we are grateful for the gifts that we share with one another as fellow graduates; gifts that enable us to forge new relationships and to offer individual pieces of a larger human experience. Through illness, pain, stress, and even death, we have secured one another as moments of stillness in the midst of calamity, beacons of wholeness in the midst of emptiness, and harbingers of joy in the midst of sorrow. Surrounded by the strength of our eclectic gifts and engrafted onto a tree of shared wisdom, let us embrace one another as we lean into the ambiguity of the future.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for one another along this journey.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we remember and celebrate those graduates of this Divinity School who have gone before us, valiantly paving the way for new leaders in the community, in the church, and in and uncertain world through the message of peace, justice and reconciliation. We prepare the way for others as you have prepared the way for us.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for our alumni.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we recognize and appreciate those first and second year students who have traveled with us through the twists and turns of this journey. Through our worship experiences in Divinity Chapel and elsewhere, our collective memories have fashioned new tapestries, woven in vibrant strands, and draped among the windows of new opportunity. With great care and poise, we charge you to embroider those yet to enter this community with the same strands you have woven into our experiences. As we depart from this community we go in full confidence that you are in capable hands, hands that are softened by grace and opened by mercy. We bless you as you have blessed us.

**All Together: Let us draw near and give thanks for our student community.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we honor the many mentors, pastors, and community leaders who have shared many seasons with us, by challenging, encouraging, guiding and teaching us. Though you inspire us to answer the call through your witness and word, you have mirrored the story of God in a way that leaves us forever wandering along life's path – seeking to find voices for the voiceless, faces for the faceless, and names for the nameless. Now we are ready to be released into the world to be the hands and feet of God. We now recognize the God in you as you have recognized the God in us.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for our mentors, pastors and community leaders.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we pay homage to our transnational family – the human collective to which we are bound in joy, anguish, loss and triumphs. Though we are apart and your names and numbers remain a mystery, we are grateful for that pastoral hand placed just so and that gentle voice echoing stillness in the storm. For awakening in us a breathless wonder, we lift you up just as you have given wings to our most fervent hopes and dreams.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for guardians known and unknown.**

Leader: As we give thanks, we especially express our gratitude to our family and friends whose love is like an oasis of cooling water in the midst of a dry and barren land. With our family and friends we came into this journey, and with our family and friends we now depart. Although we have lost various loved ones along the way, in our hearts we will never forget the roles that you have played in our lives. You have shared in our achievements, our sacrifices, our tensions and our setbacks, and you now share in our joys. As we leave this place, the memory of your love and support will never leave our hearts and minds. We honor you as you have honored us.

**People: Let us draw near and give thanks for family and friends.**

**In Unison: As we draw near to the table of grace, we collectively give thanks to God for all the blessings afforded to us. Even as we struggle to do the work to which we are called, we will not relent in well-doing for our communities, and will strive to plant new visions of peace around the world. Although we may continue to struggle within the dissonance of uncertainty, calm our hearts, still our souls, and renew our spirits that we may offer a renewing harmony for the world – created in the depth of love, sustained by the height of mercy, and redeemed by the ubiquity of grace. Amen.**

*Written by Emily Hull, Brooks Johnson, Helen Logan  
Reggie Mathis, Becky Memmelaar, and LaDessa Pearson*

- MUSICAL REFLECTION ..... Written and performed by Emily Hull and Steven Fuller  
Assisted by Ryan Newson, MDiv '11; Matt Stalnaker, MDiv '10
- PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT ..... Becky Memmelaar
- \* BENEDICTION: ..... Eddie Self
- THE PROCESSIONAL: Trumpet Voluntary in D Major ..... John Stanley

*\*Everyone is invited to stand.*

*Please join us for a reception honoring the graduates in the lobby of Scales Fine Arts Center.*

If you will be attending the School of Divinity Commencement Ceremony on Monday, May 18, please keep this program and bring it with you.



## STUDENT MARSHALS

John Carter  
Michael Cunningham  
Hilary Floyd  
Paul Herrington  
Nancy Redd  
Charles Smith  
Ben Wright

## GRADUATION COMMITTEE

Barbara Calvin  
Greg Dover  
Steven Fuller  
Emily Hull  
J. Brooks Johnson  
Helen Logan  
Reggie Mathis  
Hannah McMahan  
Becky Memmelaar  
LaDessa Cunningham Pearson  
Craig Atwood (Faculty Advisor)

### ON THE STOLES

Traditionally, each graduating class of the divinity school has chosen stoles in a liturgical color. The Class of 2009 continues this tradition, choosing green stoles to symbolize our experience during the last three years and our hopes for the future. The tree illustrates our growth experience at the School of Divinity as well as strength of purpose and constancy of commitment to the vocation of ministry. We extend our gratitude to Mrs. Tammy Fuller, mother to Steven Fuller for her work in making the stoles.

### ON THE GIFT FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS

This year's senior gift is the establishment of a scholarship fund for the Multi-Cultural Context component of the Master of Divinity program. This immersion experience has provided invaluable insights for ministerial vocational discernment. It is the hope of this year's graduating class that this fund will grow so that financial considerations will not be an obstacle for eligible students who wish to take advantage of this rich experience. Special thanks to Wade Stokes and LaShondra Hairston in the Development Office for their help in the establishment of this fund.



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PRELUDE: .....The Stratford Brass Quintet

PROCESSIONAL: Fanfare..... Jean Joseph Mouret

INVOCATION..... Doug Bailey

ANTHEM: Write Your Blessed Name.....K. Lee Scott  
The Divinity School Choir  
Laura Jane Kist, Director; Ray Ebert, piano

WELCOME..... Jill Crainshaw

SCRIPTURE READING: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*..... Larretta Rivera-Williams

For everything there is a season  
And a time for every matter under heaven:  
A time to be born and a time to die,  
A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted,  
A time to kill and a time to heal,  
A time to break down and a time to build up,  
A time to weep and a time to laugh  
A time to mourn and a time to dance,  
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
A time to keep and a time to throw away,  
A time to keep silence and a time to speak,  
A time for war and a time for peace.

ANTHEM: Order My Steps .....Glenn Burleigh  
The Divinity School Choir

REMARKS: “Cutting and Keeping” ..... Bill Leonard

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS..... Jill Crainshaw  
Jennette Rork  
Bill Leonard

\* DIVINITY SCHOOL HYMN: “Draw Us Together and Make Us One” (page 11).....GLENN HEWITT

BENEDICTION ..... Bill Leonard

\* RECESSIONAL: Prelude from *Te Deum*..... Marc Antoine Charpentier

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## STUDENT AWARDS

**The Katherine Amos Christian Education Award** is an award given by the North Carolina Christian Education Association in honor of Dr. Amos' work in Christian education at the Divinity School and with the Association of Theological Schools.

**The Katherine Amos Spirituality and the Arts Award** honors the understanding and active engagement of a student in worship and the arts.

**The Jerry M. Crainshaw Preaching Award** was established by the Crainshaw family in memory of Jerry M. Crainshaw, a strong supporter of the art of preaching. It is for members of the graduating class of the Wake Forest University Divinity School. Recipients must be outstanding preachers, as determined by the Dean of the Divinity School in consultation with the school's homiletics faculty.

**The Greek Language Award** is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated significant ability in the study of Greek. It is presented on recommendation of the faculty.

**The Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize** is a graduation award established by Wiley C. Guthrie ('52) in memory of his wife. It is for members of the graduating class of the Divinity School. Recipients must have a superior scholarship record, a personality suited to the requirements of Christian ministry, and have effectively participated in the school's activities.

**The John Thomas and Dorothy Porter Award** in Vocational Formation and Community Ministry is presented to two graduating seniors who have demonstrated significant commitment to ministry in the broad context of Christian ministry. The Reverend Dr. John Thomas Porter was pastor of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, for 38 years. One of America's leading civil rights advocates, Porter was one of the first African Americans elected to the Alabama legislature in the civil rights era. Dorothy Porter is an outstanding musician and soloist, widely known throughout the United States.

**The Ashley and Whitney Walker Award** is named for the daughters of Dale Walker ('65) and is given to students who demonstrate academic excellence, initiative in ministerial pursuits, and particular concern for woman-centered topics from a theological perspective.



# 2009 GRADUATES

## *Senior Internships*

Kellie Jo-Anne Browne .....	Faith Presbyterian Church Greensboro, NC Consultant: Rev. Dr. Carl Utley	Oak Ridge, NC
Lin Cohen Bunce.....	Religion Department Winston-Salem, NC Consultant: Dr. Ulrike Wiethaus	Lexington, NC
Barbara Ann Calvin .....	Prodigals Community Winston-Salem, NC Consultant: Rev. Jeff Coppage	Winston-Salem, NC
Jeremy Gaither Fox.....	Kids Cafe on Summit Street Winston-Salem, NC Consultant: Rev. Mike Bradshaw	Winston-Salem, NC
Leon Arthur Holmes.....	Chaplain at Baptist Hospital Winston-Salem, NC Consultant: Dr. Mark Jensen	Winston-Salem, NC
Jay Brooks Johnson .....	St. Christopher's Episcopal Church High Point, NC Consultant: Rev. Ken Kroohs	Winston-Salem, NC
Helen Elizabeth Logan.....	Community of Joy Presbyterian Church High Point, NC Consultant: Rev. Ray Mims	Oak Ridge, NC
Hannah Maureen McMahan.....	A New Baptist Covenant Winston-Salem, NC Consultant: Dr. Bill Leonard	Winston-Salem, NC
Linda Biles Osborne.....	Fairview Moravian Church Winston-Salem, NC Consultant: Rev. Riddick Weber	Winston-Salem, NC
Edgar Lamar Self .....	Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Lewisville, NC Consultant: Dr. Robert C. Evans III	Greensboro, NC

Christina Lynn Tatum.....Davidson, NC  
Vandalia Presbyterian Church  
Greensboro, NC  
Consultant: Rev. Mark Sandlin

Cameron Mason Vickrey.....Charlotte, NC  
Myers Park Baptist Church  
Charlotte, NC  
Consultant: Rev. Mrs. Robin Coira

### *Senior Projects*

LaDessa E. Cunningham Pearson.....Winston-Salem, NC  
*“Collaborative Communication:  
Closing the Gap in the Public School Education”*  
Advisors: Dr. James Dunn & Dr. Sam Stevenson

Gregory Jack Dover.....Greenville, SC  
*“Bodies Breaking Bread:  
The Imagery and Ideology of Bodies at Meals in the Gospel of Luke”*  
Advisor: Dr. Diane Lipsett

Andrew Jason Floyd.....Winston-Salem, NC  
*“For Persons Distressed of Conscience: Baptist Identity,  
Lockean Liberalism, and an Ethic of Equality for a Pluralistic World”*  
Advisor: Dr. Bill Leonard

Steven Thomas Fuller.....Greensboro, NC  
*“God and Humanity Suffering in Song”*  
Advisor: Dr. Craig Atwood

Emily Katherine Hull.....Knoxville, TN  
*“From the Boardroom to the Studio: Leadership Images for  
Ministry in a Changing Context”*  
Advisor: Dr. Diane Lipsett

John Hamilton Lawrence.....Ashville, NC  
*“God of the Streets: Lessons the Homeless Offer to Christianity”*  
Advisor: Dr. Craig Atwood

Reginald Maurice Mathis.....Wilmington, NC  
*“Wal-Church”: The Impact of the Mega Church Movement on  
Traditional African-American Churches”*  
Advisor: Dr. Bill Leonard

Rebecca Rees Mummelaar.....High Point, NC  
*“Living in Dialogue: A Struggling Quaker’s Encounter with God in Biblical Stories”*  
Advisor: Dr. Craig Atwood

Yoonjung Na..... High Point, NC  
"Pastoral Response to Drug Abuse and Addiction Among Adolescents"  
Advisor: Dr. Bill Amos

Heather Amanda Singleton..... Blountville, TN  
"Responding to a New Globalism: Andrew Fuller's Theology,  
William Carey's Vision, and the Advent of Baptist Missions"  
Advisor: Dr. Bill Leonard

Shawn Timothy Small..... Winston-Salem, NC  
"Practicing Social Justice: The One True Faith"  
Advisor: Rev. Doug Bailey

Justin Robert Williamson..... Huntsville, TX  
"Pilgrimage in Congregational Life: A Guidebook to the Aspects of Pilgrimage"  
Advisor: Dr. Kitty Amos

## DEGREES CONFERRED DECEMBER 30, 2008

### *Internship*

Rodney LaVon Coleman ..... Leasburg, NC  
Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
Mocksville, NC  
Consultant: Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr



# Draw Us Together and Make Us One

GLENN HEWITT 9.9.9.9.9.9.

Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

Sally Ann Morris, 2003



1. Draw us to - geth - er and make us one—  
2. Sis - ters and bro - thers in com - mon cause,  
3. Fill us with breath of your Liv - ing Word;  
4. Min - i - stries honed for a chang - ing world,



tap - e - stries wo - ven of vi - brant strands,  
draw us to - geth - er and make us one—  
form us in ser - vice to tend the earth.  
stead - fast in work 'til Your will is done,



robed in a patch - work of rain - bow hues,  
fired by the Spir - it with var - ied gifts,  
Draw us to - geth - er and make us one,  
'til all cre - a - tion a - bounds in love,



col - ors re - fract - ing the pri - sm's bands.  
warmed by the Light of a sin - gle sun.  
joined in af - firm - ing all creat - ures' worth.  
draw us to - geth - er and make us one!



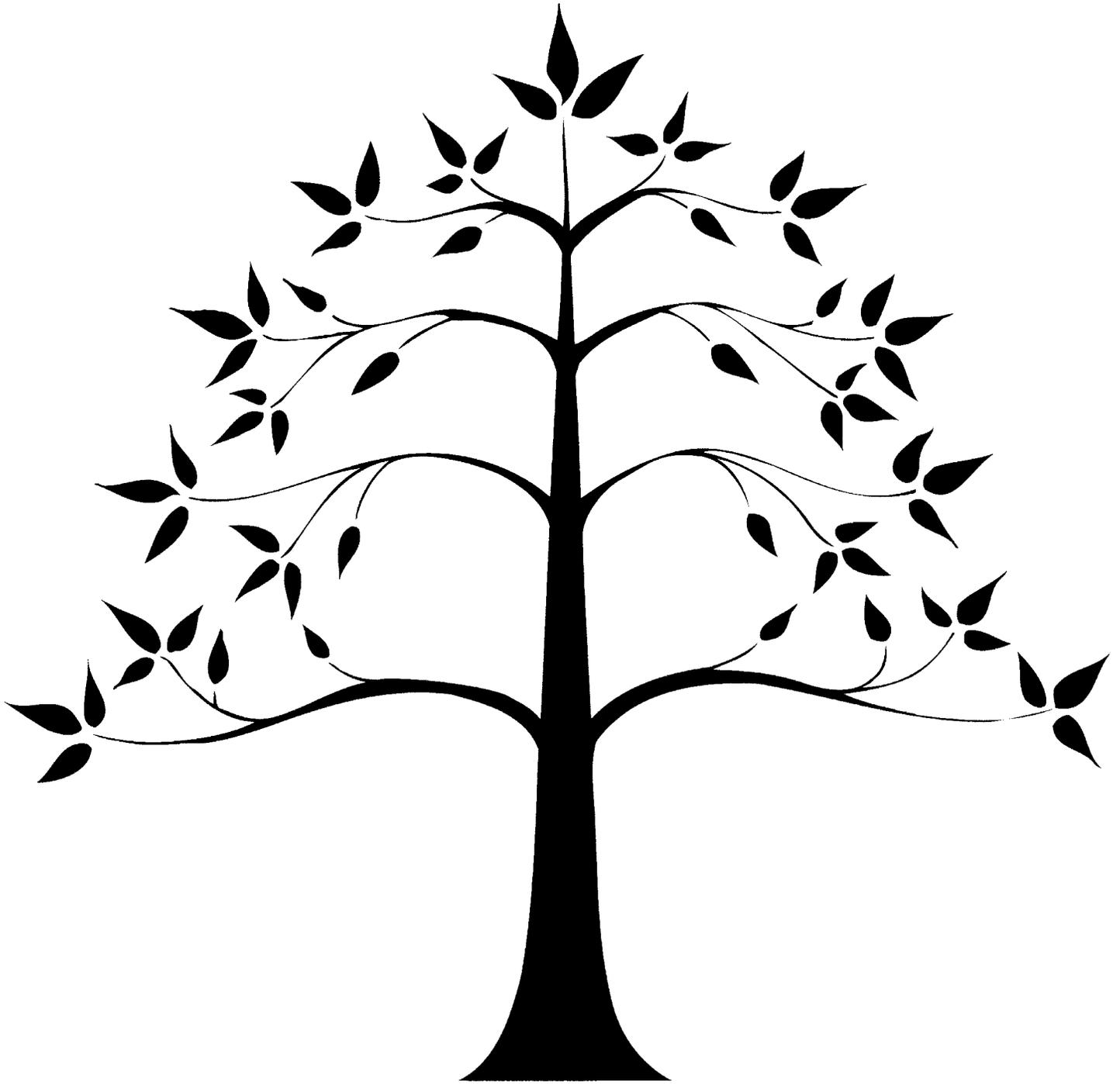
Grow - ing as Wis - dom and grace en - twine, We are the



branch - es of Christ the Vine. Vine. \_\_\_\_\_

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