

Christmas Eve Service of Worship December 24, 2012

December 24, 2012 Six o'clock in the evening

≈ Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God ≪



"The Nativity," by Federico Barocci, 1597.

Christmas is the festival at which Christians celebrate the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. This fragile infant, long awaited and yet still a surprise, is the incarnation of God on earth. As we share gifts with our friends and families this season, we seek to capture the joy and wonder of the original gift of Christmas: God, out of his lavish abundance, comes into a broken world to dwell among us and draw us to him.

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

ENTRANCE

Brass Prelude

Six Christmas Carols

arr. Rob Roy MacGregor

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Greensleeves

O Tannenbaum

We Three Kings

Once in Royal David's City

Angels We Have Heard on High

Greeting and Announcements

*Processional Hymn 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

PROCLAMATION

*Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT page 600 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Three French Christmas Carols

arr. Elizabeth Di Sorvino

New Testament Lesson—Titus 2:11-14 (NT pages 202-03)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 245 (stanzas 1-2)

The First Noel

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

THE FIRST NOEL

*Gospel Lesson—Luke 2:1-20 (NT pages 54-55 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 245 (stanzas 3-5) The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

SERMON—A Manger Ministry

RESPONSE

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

(The congregation responds to each petition: "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christmas Day

Gustav Holst arr. Douglas Haislip

*Doxology

Gloria in excelsis Deo! (Repeat refrain as needed.)

GLORIA

THANKSGIVING

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 246 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Postlude

Improvisation on ANTIOCH

*All who are able may stand.

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Announcements

ADVENT WREATH—The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel and the interior decorations are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING AND PHOTOS ADORNING THE CHAPEL—The photographs hanging in Duke Chapel depict life in and around the Blanchard Health Clinic in Haiti, funded in large part by the generosity of those who attend the Duke Chapel Christmas Eve services each year. All of tonight's offering will go to the Family Health Ministries (FHM), which is a nonprofit agency founded by Duke medical doctor David Walmer and his wife Kathy. FHM provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. In May 2004, an elevenperson group coordinated by the Congregation at Duke Chapel conducted a mission trip to Haiti. The purpose of the trip was to lay the foundation for the first and only medical clinic in the city of Blanchard, population 225,000. Many who now live in the community fled the violence of Cité Soleil, which is the poorest slum in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Blanchard Family Health Clinic continues to exist and grow due in great part to the generous annual offerings from the Chapel's Christmas Eve services, tonight being the ninth annual collection. These offerings provide most of the clinic's annual operating support. Ongoing funding is crucial to continue to address the unmet needs of access to affordable healthcare, health education, and disease prevention. The residents of Blanchard have minimal access to acute care, sanitation, potable water, simple nutrition, family planning, and immunizations. Tonight, in the name of the Holy Infant who was born into poverty 2000 years ago, we hope to raise at least \$20,000 for the ongoing work of Family Health Ministries.

Community Choir at the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service—All are invited to come and sing in the community choir for the 11 p.m. Lessons and Carols service tonight. There is a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m. The choir will sing six anthems, including the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.

Sermons Available—Copies of tonight's sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on our website, www.chapel.duke.edu.

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FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

- † Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
- † There will be no tours of Duke Chapel after services today. Tours will take place after Sunday worship.
- † Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant's desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

- † Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. Sundays. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are
- † Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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