

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presentation of the Lord Sunday, February 2, 2020, 11:00 a.m.



Presentation in the Temple John August Swanson, 1988

February 2 is the festival of the Presentation of Our Lord, celebrating the ritual purification of Mary and the dedication of Jesus at the temple, forty days after his birth. We meet Simeon and Anna, who see, profess, and worship the infant whose coming reveals God to the nations. This festival historically marked the end of the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle, and is sometimes called Candlemas, reflecting an ancient tradition of blessing candles on this day. The texts we hear and sing today echo Christmas and Epiphany, with abundant references to Christ's light. That light is literally borne into our midst during the gospel procession, accompanied by the gradual hymn, "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright." Although this sixteenth-century gem appears in our hymnal, we reprint it today with more stanzas and a fuller translation. At the end of worship, the Chapel Choir sings Simeon's song, the Nunc Dimittis, from the narthex. These words remind us that, as we depart, we are called to bear the hope, joy, and light of Christ into a weary world.

Scherzo, Op. 2

Greeting and Call to Worship

Choral Introit

Come, Light of God

Lumière de Dieu, inonde la terre, visite nos coeurs et demeure avec nous.

Come light, light of God, give light to creation, enlighten our hearts, and remain with your world.

Text and Music: Communauté de Grandchamp, Switzerland

*Opening Hymn 598

O Word of God Incarnate

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

lumière de dieu

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***Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister:	Lord have mercy.
People:	Lord have mercy.
Minister:	Christ have mercy.
People:	Christ have mercy.
Minister:	Lord have mercy.
People:	Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and send your Spirit to illuminate your word that we might be made pure and holy as you present us to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen. Old Testament Lesson | OT page 838 in the pew Bible

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector:	This is the word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Anthem

How Beautiful and Lovely

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

How beautiful and lovely your dwelling place, O Lord! My soul grows faint with longing for joys your courts afford. My flesh and spirit sing out, and prayer and praises ring out, the living God adored.

The sparrow has discovered a place to rest her wings, The swallow has uncovered a home for her younglings. So, too, my heart is resting, within your altars nesting, O God, my blessed King.

Lord God, our sun and shield, send us your love and grace. Your gentle heart shall yield all good things now by faith. Your goodness, all-supplying, to those on you relying in this and ev'ry place.

Text: Based on Psalm 84:1-4, 12-13

New Testament Lesson | NT page 205 in the pew Bible

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector:	This is the word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 1 through 3. See insert.

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*Gospel Lesson | NT page 55 in the pew Bible

Luke 2:22-40

Lector:	This is the word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 4 through 6. See insert.

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Sermon

Response

*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: he descended into hell; 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:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Anthem

When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled

Elizabeth Alexander

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the heavens is gone, When the kings and the princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flocks. The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To heal the broken, To release the prisoner, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers, To make music in the heart.

Text: Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 188

Christ Is the World's Light

Choral Benediction

Nunc Dimittis

Alexander Gretchaninov (1864-1956)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people, Israel.

Text: Luke 2:29-32

Organ Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

Johannnes Brahms (1833-1897)

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

ST. ELIZABETH

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-BaconDirector of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel The Rev. Breana van Velzen Community Minister, Duke University Chapel PREACHER Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner.....Associate Professor, Duke Divinity School LECTORS Mr. Michael Larbi Congregation Ministry Intern, Divinity '21 Ms. Junette Yu Asain InterVarsity, Chapel Scholar, Trinity '20 MUSICIANS Duke Chapel Choir.....Choir Dr. Zebulon HighbenDirector of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel Dr. Robert Parkins University Organist, Duke University Mr. Christopher JacobsonChapel Organist, Duke University Chapel MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION The Rev. Amanda Highben Minister, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **HEAD USHERS** Dr. James Ferguson Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel Ms. Acelynn Barefoot Chapel Scholar; Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel TODAY'S FLOWERS | Today's flowers are made possible by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund. **TODAY'S OFFERING** | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER | Today's Gomes Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner, an associate professor of Christian spirituality at Duke Divinity School. She writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christianity in America, and Jewish-Christian relations. She is an Episcopal priest, serving as vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg, North Carolina. FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children age four and younger are welcome

to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel's lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

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WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | Students, staff, visitors, and community members are always welcome at Duke Chapel. For more information, please see the websites listed on the back page and sign-up for weekly e-newsletters. **CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

CANDLEMAS SERVICE TODAY | This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., a special Choral Evensong service will celebrate the feast of Candlemas, which marks the presentation of the baby Jesus at the Temple. Choral Evensong engages scripture readings, congregational hymns, and choral music to encourage prayer and reflection in a traditional service based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. **BACH CANTATA CONCERT TODAY** | The Chapel's Bach Cantata Series continues today at 5:15 p.m. This concert includes Bach's compositions BWV 9 *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*, BWV 55 *Ich armer Mensch, ich Sünderknecht*, and BWV 151 *Süßer Trost, mein Jesus kömmt*. For the performance Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, will lead the Bach Ensemble and Mallarmé Chamber Players. Admission is free.

LENTEN SERVICE TRIP | Tomorrow, February 3, is the deadline to register for the Lenten Service Trip, scheduled for March 8-13 to Eastern North Carolina. The trip is open to adults, university students, and youth age sixteen or older. For more information, please visit congregation.chapel.duke.edu/relief and contact trip leader, Carol Matteson at cjmatteson@hotmail.com.

WINDOW WORK | Work is underway this week to re-install the stained-glass for the "Samuel" window located near the pulpit on the upper level of the nave. The glass had been removed to be cleaned at an artisan's studio. The re-installation of the glass is the final phase of a project spanning many years to refurbish the glass in all of the Chapel's main stained-glass windows. Thank you for your patience in accommodating the scaffolding while the project is completed.

UNEVEN GROUND EXHIBIT | Join the Chapel and First Presbyterian Church in exploring our faith and the history of racism and housing through the *Uneven Ground* exhibit by Bull City 150. The exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue. It will be on display at First Presbyterian through February 16 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church is located at 305 E. Main St., which is on the free bus line and has limited free parking. This Tuesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. is an open house entitled "Sharing, Naming, and Healing." For more information, contact the Chapel's community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

LUNCH AT THE BRODHEAD CENTER | Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, February 9, to enjoy lunch with other worshipers in the Brodhead Center. The Brodhead Center, which is a short walk from the Chapel, provides a wide array

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of dining options. Participants will purchase their own lunch then gather in the Great Hall dining area on the main floor to share a time of fellowship and food. Volunteers will provide directions. Everyone is welcome.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | Meals on Wheels of Durham is currently in need of nutrition beverages such as Ensure and Boost for clients who are not feeling well or need extra nutrition. Donations of Ensure and Boost may be placed on the back pew on Sundays, February 9 and 16.

TALK ON CHAPEL MUSIC | On Friday, February 14, at Duke's Rubenstein Arts Center, Dr. Zebulon Highben, Director of Chapel Music, will give a talk about music and the arts at the Chapel, with insight into future directions for growth and outreach. The event at 12 noon is part of the center's Ruby Friday series. Admission is free; light lunch provided.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For children ages 03– with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB Godly Play: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford Godly Play Advanced: For children in 2nd–5th grade in in 0050 Langford New Member Class: For those exploring membership in 0014 Westbrook Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook Adult Bible Study: Study on the book of Acts in 0015 Westbrook Adult Forum: On February 9, Grazina Bielousova, PhD candidate, Religious Studies, Duke University, will present "Word of God, Text of Terror: Reading Difficult Scripture Passages in the Church." Warning: these texts contain sexual violence, abuse, and excessive cruelty. The forum is held in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email



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