



**Duke**  
UNIVERSITY  
**CHAPEL**

# Christmas Eve Service of Worship

December 24, 2015, Page Auditorium  
Five thirty in the evening

✧ *Bridging Faith and Learning* ✧



*Icon of the Nativity, mid 12th Century, Palermo, Italy.*

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.



## PROCLAMATION

### OPENING PRAYER

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day.  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From Bethlehem in Jewry this blessed Babe was born,  
and laid within a manger upon this blessed morn;  
His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed Angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

### GOSPEL LESSONS—John 1:1-14 and Luke 2:1-20

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON—Let There Be Light

## RESPONSE

### \*RESPONSE HYMN 220 (*stanzas 3-4*)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

**Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:**

*Refrain:* **Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:**

*Refrain*

\*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; 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: "Hear our prayer.")*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Midnight Clear in Bethlehem (*Gesù Bambino*) arr. Greg Gilpin

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.  
*Venite adoriamo. Venite adoriamo. Venite adoriamo, Gesù redentor.*

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.  
Above its sad and lonely plains, they bend on hov'ring wing.  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.  
*Venite adoriamo. Venite adoriamo. Venite adoriamo, Gesù redentor.*

Oh, hear the angels singing. Oh, hear the angels singing.  
*Venite. Venite. Venite adoriamo, adoriamo, Gesù redentor.*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

GLORIA

*(Repeat refrain as needed.)*

THANKSGIVING

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and  
nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let us their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the  
sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorn infest the  
ground;

He comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the  
nations prove,

The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on VOM HIMMEL HOCH

Garth Edmundson

(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

(1892–1971)

*\*All who are able may stand.*

---

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
Lectors	Mr. Frank Coble <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
	Dr. Kathleen Peindl <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Organist	Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Guest Choir	Durham Children's Choir
Conductor	Ms. Dena Byers
Accompanist	Ms. Elia Nicholas
Brass	Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Presiding Minister over post-service Communion	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

---

## CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S FLOWERS**—The red poinsettias that adorn the stage are 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 both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr, in their forty-seventh year of decorating the Chapel.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING AND BULLETIN INSERT**—Each year during the Christmas season, photographs depicting the work of Family Health Ministries hang in the Chapel, or for this year, in the bulletin insert. As part of the Chapel's decade-long commitment to building relationships with the people of Haiti, the Christmas Eve offerings will go, for the thirteenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Duke professors Dr. David and Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Congregation's work with FHM has included building the Blanchard Health Clinic, and the Nancy Ferree-Clark Guesthouse named in honor of the former Congregation pastor. 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. To donate online, go to [www.familyhm.org](http://www.familyhm.org).

**TODAY'S GUEST CHOIR**—The Durham Children's Choir is a community organization made up of outstanding young singers from elementary and middle schools, public and private, and home-schooled children, in the Durham and neighboring communities. Their mission is to learn a wide variety of high quality choral music, both sacred and secular, and to share that music with the community through public performances. The choir is under the direction of new Artistic Director, Dena Byers and was founded in 2004 with generous support from the Durham Arts Council, Duke University Chapel Music, Durham Public Schools, the BIN Charitable Foundation and supporters from the community.

**SUNDAYS AT DUKE CHAPEL**—Duke Chapel offers worship services every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. throughout the year. During this year of the Chapel's restoration, Sunday morning worship is held in Page Auditorium. The Chapel welcomes members of both the university and greater Triangle communities to join in the journey of Christian discipleship throughout the year.





THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL  
919-684-3917 • [www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu](http://www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu)

*The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**—The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Divinity school. There are three classes for children and youth and one class for adults. All classes are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 3. There will be no Sunday morning classes for children and youth on December 27.

**MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER**—The Congregation serves dinner once a month at the Urban Ministries Shelter in downtown Durham. The next opportunity to serve is Sunday, January 10 at 5:45 p.m. The meal is prepared at the shelter kitchen (salad, fruit cocktail, buttered rolls, cookies and lemonade), but the most important ingredient is the volunteer. Volunteers provide the “main course,” nourishment for the body (each server/couple brings two cooked party-size lasagnas) and for the spirit, through fellowship with the shelter residents and connection with other members and friends of the Congregation. Shelter residents do all the clean-up. First timers are welcome! Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed each month. Please contact the Congregation office at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917.

**JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT**—The Saturday Service Project in January will benefit the Durham Crisis Response Center, which works to end domestic and sexual violence. Volunteers are needed on January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon to organize supplies for shelter residents. To volunteer for this or other Saturday Service Projects contact the Congregation office at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917.

**HABITAT BUILD**—This Spring, the Congregation and Duke Chapel community will partner with the Duke Office of Durham and Regional Affairs, the Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership, and the Duke Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to sponsor and build a Habitat home. The kickoff celebration, a time to bless the build and share a meal, will be Saturday, January 30, at 11:30 a.m. To be involved in this project, contact Bruce Puckett at [bruce.puckett@duke.edu](mailto:bruce.puckett@duke.edu).

**BOOK DISCUSSION**—All are invited to attend a discussion the book *Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results*, on Wednesday, January 6 (chapters 1-5) and Wednesday, February 3 (chapters 6-9). The discussions will be held at noon at the PathWays House located at 713 Kent St., Durham. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch.

**PASTORS AVAILABLE**—If you wish to speak to a pastor regarding a spiritual or personal concern, please contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917.

**NEWS**—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing programs and events of the Congregation. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

## DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

*Duke Chapel is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. It is also a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it further acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service, especially during this year of the Chapel's restoration during which we will gather to worship God in different places across Duke's campuses.*

chapel.duke.edu • Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708 • 919-684-2572

### STAFF OF DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

*Dean of the Chapel*

#### **Ministry**

Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

*Associate Dean for Religious Life*

Mr. Jack Adams

*Interim Worship Coordinator*

Dr. Adam Hollowell

*Director of Student Ministry*

The Rev. Bruce Puckett

*Director of Community Ministry*

Mr. Joshua Lazard

*C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement*

Ms. Gerly Ace

*Staff Specialist for Student Ministry*

#### **Music**

Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

*Director of Chapel Music*

Dr. Robert Parkins

*University Organist*

Mr. Christopher Jacobson

*Chapel Organist*

Dr. Brian Schmidt

*Assistant Conductor and Administrative Coordinator of Chapel Music*

Mr. John Santoianni

*Curator of Organs and Harpsichords*

Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

*University Carillonneur*

Mr. Michael Lyle

*Staff Assistant for Chapel Music*

#### **Administration**

Ms. Joni Harris

*Assistant to the Dean*

Mr. James Todd

*Multimedia Manager for Media Ministry*

Ms. Sara Clark

*Chapel Events and Wedding Coordinator*

Ms. Ava West

*Staff Assistant for Development*

Ms. Lisa Moore

*Accounting Specialist and Office Coordinator*

Mr. Oscar Dantzler

*Housekeeper*

#### **Staff of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel**

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

*Pastor*

Ms. Phyllis Snyder

*Children's Pastor*

Mr. Adam Benson

*Interim Youth Minister*

Mr. Nelson Strother

*Administrative Assistant*

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EACH WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**—Every Sunday, 11 a.m. in Page Auditorium.

**CHORAL EVENSONG**—Resumes Sunday, January 10 at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

**ONLINE MID-WEEK PRAYER**—Wednesday at noon via [periscope.tv/dukechapel](https://periscope.tv/dukechapel)

**CHORAL VESPERS**—Resumes Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel