

# Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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"Annunciation," By Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937)

On this third Sunday of Advent, we hear Mary's joyful song of praise—the Magnificat—as she extols God's goodness in choosing her for the greatest of purposes, despite her lowly status. Her response reminds us of the importance of song in the life of faith. The prophet Isaiah prophesies the return of the redeemed to Zion, proclaiming the majesty and might of God's saving work. In his letter, James encourages us to be faithful as we patiently await the coming of the Lord.

The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

#### GATHERING

CARILLON

CHORAL PRELUDE

Simple Gifts arr. Amy Dalton
TRADITIONAL SHAKER HYMN (b. 1967)

Noël Nouvelet arr. Alec Schumacker TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL (b. 1986)

Still, Still, Still arr. Paula Foley Tillen TRADITIONAL AUSTRIAN CAROL (b. 1958)

Personent Hodie John Rutter (b. 1945)

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Processional Hymn 200 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
Tell Out, My Soul woodlands

\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance (in unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom; we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

#### \*Peace

(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: prepare our hearts by the illumination of your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 35:1–10 (OT page 623)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612) arr. Russell Robinson

O Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth, Sing unto the Lord, bless his name, show forth his salvation from day to day,

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—James 5:7–10 (NT page 217)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Gradual Hymn (see hymn on insert, stanza 1)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

Singing directions: Stanza 1: Men, 2: Women, 3: All

\*Gospel Lesson—Luke 1:46b–55 (NT page 53)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Gradual Hymn (see hymn on insert, stanzas 2–3)

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Singing directions: Stanza 1: Men, 2: Women, 3: All

SERMON—Hymn Sing

#### 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; 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.")

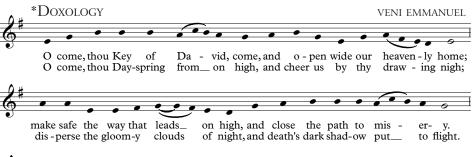
### Mission of the Month

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lux!

Tobin Stokes (b. 1966)

O light, cause of wonder, of equal beauty, let us rejoice, let us go, Praise be to God.





Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

### SENDING FORTH

\*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.)

### \*BENEDICTION

\*Closing Processional Hymn 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**ELLACOMBE** 

#### Postlude

Deo Gracias

Joseph Willcox Jenkins (1928–2014)

#### Carillon

\*All who are able may stand.

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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Head Ushers Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

## Christmas Services at Duke Chapel

## Christmas Eve 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service for Children

This family-friendly worship service includes music and storytellers to announce the birth of Christ. The service lasts approximately 40 minutes.

## Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Service of Carols and Holy Communion

This afternoon service includes Christmas carols and Holy Communion, the Durham Children's Choir, and a sermon from Dean Luke Powery.

## Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Service of Worship

This evening service includes Christmas carols, the Amalgam brass ensemble, and a sermon from Dean Luke Powery.

## Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

This traditional Lessons and Carols service features a large community choir, Scripture, and choral music.

Prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.

## Christmas Day 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship

The Sunday morning service focuses on the retelling of the Christmas story and favorite Christmas carols.

A maximum of 1600 persons will be admitted to each service: no overflow seating available.

### CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Flowers—Flowers for today's worship service are given to the glory of God by Jim and Ellie Ferguson.

Today's Offering—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support our Mission of the Month: Samaritan Health Center (SHC). Inspired by the love and grace of Jesus Christ, SHC provides primary care services to low income residents of Durham and the surrounding communities. Through donated talent and resources, SHC seeks to help eliminate our community's health disparities. SHC provides health care that focuses on the physical needs, as well as the social, emotional, and spiritual issues that affect the health of our neighbors. SHC is motivated by the love God has shown all people through Jesus Christ and wants to respond to God's love for our neighbors by providing high-quality care to those who cannot obtain it.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIANS—The Cantabile Singers is the advanced choir of the Capital City Girls Choir, an achievement-based vocal and music training program for girls aged nine through eighteen from Raleigh, NC, and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College. Cantabile Singers performs with the North Carolina Symphony and has appeared at the North Carolina Governor's Mansion, the NC Museum of Art, the White House, Washington National Cathedral, Carnegie Hall, and at various venues internationally. In 2002, CCGC was featured as the Honor Choir in the Children in Harmony Festival at Walt Disney World. They look forward to their tour of England and Wales in 2017, and the thirtieth anniversary of the choir in 2018.

Vocal Arts Ensemble Concert—The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham, conducted by Rodney Wynkoop, will present its annual Christmas concert, "O Holy Night," on Friday, December 16, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. The concert features seasonal music by well-known composers such as Rene Clausen, Bob Chilcott, and Zoltán Kodály, as well as creative arrangements of carols like "Angels we have heard on high," "I wonder as I wander," and "Coventry Carol." Admission is free. For more information about VAE, see http://www.vocalartsensemble.org/.

YEAR OF CELEBRATION MUSIC—Upcoming events include:

• Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 p.m—*A German Christmas* is the latest in the J.S. Bach: Complete Organ Works series.

Community Choir at the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service—All are invited to come and sing in the community choir for the 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve. There is a rehearsal from 7:00–9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21, and a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The choir will sing several anthems, including the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.



### THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

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## The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Christian Education Classes—Classes for all are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and will conclude in time for worship. All classes are held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building with refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Classes are: Wee Praise: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB. Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford. Youth Sunday School: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 WB. Adult Forum: On December 18, Terry Yuschok, Congregation member, will share "A History of the Christmas Tree" in 0012 WB.

Christmas Caroling—All are invited for an evening of caroling at the Forest at Duke this evening, at 5:00 p.m. All will gather in the auditorium for refreshments, fellowship, and Christmas carols.

Fellowship Brunch Today—The Fellowship Committee invites all to lunch in the West Union after worship service today. Attendees will buy their own food from the vendors on the main floor, then head to the second level reserved location so everyone can sit together. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be on hand to help direct people to the seating area.

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH TODAY—Young adults, families, and students are invited to an Advent Potluck after worship today in the Chapel Kitchen.

ZOE GIFT MARKET—After worship today and December 18 there will be a gift market for ZOE, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to move out of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark. This could be given to someone on your Christmas list who would like to know that a Gift of Help is empowering a child in Africa, India, or Central America.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION—Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend a Christmas dinner and celebration on Sunday, December 18, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Please contact Andrew Phillips at 919-684-3917 or andrew.phillips@duke.edu for detailed information.

Support the Community Choir—Worshipers are invited to show their appreciation for the Christmas Eve Choir by providing refreshments on Saturday, December 24. Volunteers are needed to provide an assortment of goodies. Additionally, two volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cindy Gass at cynthia.gass@gmail.com or call the Congregation office.

### 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.

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#### NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Meghan Benson, Chaplain at Duke Divinity School.

Offering—Next week's offering will go to the Chapel's Annual Fund for Mission and Ministry.