



Duke
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CHAPEL

Christmas Eve Service of Worship

December 24, 2017
Four o'clock in the afternoon

~ Bridging Faith and Learning ~



"Holy Family," by the Jesus MAFA Community, Cameroon

Christmas is the festival during which Christians celebrate the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. This vulnerable 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: Jesus Christ, coming into a broken world to dwell among us as the Son of God, our Savior.

The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

Noël Polonais: Alexander Guilmant
Variations on “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (1837–1911)

Meditation on “Silent Night” David Conte
(b. 1955)

Go Tell it on the Mountain Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

CHORAL PRELUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Mark Patterson

Carol of the Bells arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

What Child is This? arr. Melissa Malvar-Keylock &
Jill Friedersdorf

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PROCESSION: HYMN 234
O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

PROCLAMATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*in unison*)

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide the magi to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 96 (*OT pages 520–1 in the Pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Titus 2:11–14 (*NT pages 202–3*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 220 (*stanzas 1–2*)
Angels from the Realms of Glory
(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

REGENT SQUARE

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:1–20 (*NT pages 54–55*)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 220 (*stanzas 3–4*)
Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

SERMON—Do Not Be Afraid

RESPONSE

*RESPONSE HYMN 220 (*singing stanzas 1 and 3 only*)
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 ANTHEMS
The First Noel

arr. Dan Forrest
(b. 1978)

Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King, Noel.
The first Noel the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav’nly Lord,
that hath made heav’n and earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King, Noel, Noel.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King, Noel, Noel.

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Trevor Manor

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains:
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our savior's birth. With us
sing, Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*DOXOLOGY

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

GLORIA

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 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on *Vom Himmel hoch*

Garth Edmundson
(1892–1971)

CARILLON MUSIC

**All who are able may stand.*

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WORSHIP

UNIVERSITY WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. Sunday

CHORAL EVENSONG 4:00 p.m. Sunday

CHORAL VESPERS 6:00 p.m. Thursday



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ADVENT WREATH AND DECORATIONS—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 interior decorations and the wreaths on either side 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING—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 fourteenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Chapel'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.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST CHOIR—The Durham Children's Choir is a community organization which exists to provide exceptional choral education to children regardless of race, creed, or socio-economic station. Founded in 2004 by Scott Hill, and under the leadership of Artistic Director Dena Byers, the Durham Children's Choir performs music of various cultures and genres and shares that music with the community at public and private events. They especially enjoy collaborating with area music educators, composers, and arts organizations. The choir has recently sung at Duke Chapel's Blessing of the Animals service, and with the Duke Chapel Bach Ensemble; they participated in Mayor Bell's retirement celebrations, and have performed in Carnegie Hall. These ventures enable the Durham Children's Choir to have a greater presence in the community and provide the children with invaluable learning opportunities. For more information about the Durham Children's Choir, visit their website at www.durhamchildrenschoir.org.

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 tonight. There is a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m. The choir will sing several anthems, including the "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*.

MUSIC SERIES—The second half of this year's Duke Chapel Music Series begins January 7 at 4:00 p.m. with a special service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols led by the Duke Evensong Singers. Fourteen more concerts and special services will follow during the Spring semester. They range from a recital by the Chapel's Organ Scholars to a performance of Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah* to a hymn festival. Find dates and event details at chapel.duke.edu/music.

EMAIL UPDATES—To receive weekly updates on Chapel news and events, sign up for the email list at chapel.duke.edu/email.



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

CONGREGATION MINISTRIES—The Congregation at Duke University Chapel is the interdenominational church home for people who consider Duke Chapel to be their primary place of worship. The Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m. draws worshipers from all areas of campus as well as from many of our neighboring communities. Recognizing that the Christian life is more than a Sunday morning experience, members of the Congregation long to deepen their relationships with God, with each other, and with their neighbors. Through education, mission, and fellowship, the Congregation helps participants to strengthen these precious relationships. The Congregation welcomes singles, couples and families, students, faculty, staff, and community members to join the church to grow together in Christ.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES—The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook Building (WB) in the Divinity school. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. There are three classes for children and youth and two classes for adults. All classes are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7 as follows:

Wee Praise: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.

Youth Sunday School: For youth in 6–12th grade in 0013 WB.

Bible Study: For adults in 0015 Westbrook (starting January 21)

Adult Forum: Speakers offer diverse presentations in 0012 WB.

MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER—The Congregation serves dinner once a month at the Urban Ministries Shelter in downtown Durham. The meal is prepared at the shelter kitchen with volunteering bringing cooked party-size lasagnas. Shelter residents do all the clean-up. Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed each month. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 for more information or to volunteer.

ENEWS—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing fellowship events, service opportunities and Christian education classes. To sign up for this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.

PASTORS AVAILABLE—If you wish to speak to a pastor regarding a spiritual or personal concern, please contact congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

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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 SUNDAY IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

GUEST PREACHER—Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Shaquisha (Kiki) Barnes, chaplain at Duke Regional Hospital.