

Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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"Annunciation," by He Qi

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear Mary's song of praise, or Magnificat. This lowly, Jewish, teenage girl extols the glory of God by declaring the Lord's faithfulness to the ancient covenants and prophecies of Scripture. Mary invites us to respond with joy as she sings of her and our Savior, the One coming into the world who is Jesus Christ, 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

Prelude

Wachet auf uns ruf die Stimme, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Processional Hymn 213 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

*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)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; send the Holy Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 (OT pages 268–9)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Quia fecit mihi magna from Magnificat, BWV 243

J.S. Bach

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and Holy is his name.

New Testament Lesson—Romans 16:25–27 (NT page 155)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 215 (stanzas 1–3)

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

ANNUNCIATION

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Luke 1:46b–55 (NT pages 53–4)

This is the word of the Lord. Lector:

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 215 (stanzas 4–6)

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

ANNUNCIATION

SERMON—Blessed

RESPONSE

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

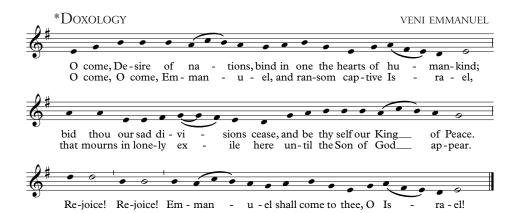
Die drei Königen, Op.8

Peter Cornelius (1824 - 1874)

Three kings are traveling from the East; a small star leads them to Jordan. In Judea they ask and search, these three, where the new-born king is. They wish to bring incense, myrrh and gold as an offering to the child.

And the light of the star shines brightly: the kings go into the stall; gazing with wonder at the child, the kings bow low in worship. They bring incense, myrrh and gold as an offering to the sweet baby boy.

O Sons of Man! keep faith! The kings are journeying - travel with them! The star of love, the star of grace shine on your goal as you seek the Lord, and if you lack incense, myrrh and gold, give instead your heart to that sweet baby boy!



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 202 People, Look East

BESANÇON

Closing Voluntary Ave Maris Stella, Op. 18

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Preacher The Rev. Debra Brazzel

Lectors Mr. Nicholas Woodrum

Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

Mr. Frank Coble

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Soloist Mr. Nicholas Dankner, Baritone

Organist Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Memorial Chapel Communion The Rev. Andrew Phillips

Head Ushers Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

Christmas Eve 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 Worship

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

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Service of Worship with Holy Communion

This evening service includes Christmas carols, Holy Communion, 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.

Open community choir rehearsal at 9 p.m. Prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.

A maximum of 1300 persons will be admitted to each service: no overflow seating available.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Flowers—The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, 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.

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 Robert T. Young guest preacher is the Rev. Debra Brazzel. Rev. Brazzel is a United Methodist minister, ordained in the Louisiana Annual Conference with an M. Div. from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She began her ministry in Dallas as a campus minister to Mountain View College and later served as executive director of The Dallas Bethlehem Center. She moved to North Carolina to serve as assistant dean of Duke Chapel and director of Religious Life for Duke University before becoming associate dean of Duke Chapel. She has worked with the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke, taught classes in preaching and worship for the Course of Study School at Duke Divinity School, and worked with the Lilly Endowment Pathways Program at Duke Chapel. She is the mother of Blake, Trent, and Nicole Dunkak and married to Geoff Dunkak.

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.

Grammy Nominations—Congratulations to Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson and Professor Brian Schmidt, the Chapel's former assistant conductor in Chapel Music, for being nominated for multiple Grammy awards! Their work on the album *Tyberg: Masses*, sung by the South Dakota Chorale, has been nominated this year for Best Choral Performance. Schmidt, now an associate professor of choral music at Baylor University, is the artistic director and conductor of the South Dakota Chorale; Jacobson is the organist on the album, which was recorded at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. The album is also nominated for Grammy awards in two other categories—Best Engineered Album, Classical and Best Surround Sound Album—and is also associated with a nomination in the category for Producer Of The Year, Classical. Wish them well at the awards ceremony in New York City on January 28!

Music Series 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.



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

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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 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 ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB. Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford. Youth Sunday School: Youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 WB. Bible Study: For adults in 0015 WB (starting January 21) Adult Forum: Diverse presentations in 0012 WB.

Spiritual Gifts—The Congregation is offering two opportunities to explore spiritual gifts. Beginning Wednesday, January 10, two book groups will meet for five weeks to discuss *Rediscovering our Spiritual Gifts* by Charles Bryant. The morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the evening group at 7:30 p.m. Both groups will meet at Carol Gregg's home. On Saturday, February 10, the Congregation will offer a half-day retreat on spiritual gifts. For detailed information, please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu.

January Volunteers Needed—Volunteers are needed on Monday, January 22, and Tuesday, January 23, to serve dinner from 5:15—6:30 p.m and to provide childcare from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Families Moving Forward, Durham's shelter for homeless families. For detailed information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Fellows at janeafellows@msn.com or Elaine DeAlmeida at elainedealmeida8@gmail.com.

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 volunteers 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.

IF THE HOLIDAYS ARE SAD—All those who are grieving are invited to attend Growing Thru Grief, which meets on Tuesdays at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Rd., Durham.from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information: growingthrugrief@gmail.com.

ENEWS—To sign up for the Congregation's weekly eNews for detailed information and opportunities, please email 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.

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NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

Guest Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Shaquisha (Kiki) Barnes, Chaplain at Duke Regional Hospital.

> Offering—Next week's offering will go to the Chapel's Fund for Missions Trips.