Today we celebrate Epiphany, which falls on January 6 and is the climax of the Christmas season and the twelve days of Christmas. The term *epiphany* is Greek and means “to manifest” or “to show.” The Epiphany season is associated with the first manifestations of Jesus—to the wise men, in his presentation in the temple, in his baptism, to his disciples, and in his first miracle. Today’s lesson from Isaiah speaks of the light that will arise upon all people. In Matthew, the wise men also follow a light—a star that guides them to the Christ child, revealing to the world that this small infant is Lord and King, worthy of praise and worship.
The congregation is asked to remain silent 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
Jubilate Deo Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)


Maria Walks Amid the Thorn Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Jackson Berkey (b. 1942)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 254
We Three Kings KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Holy Father, Creator of the heavens, who led the magi by a star to worship the Christ Child: lead us today as we hear your word; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey’s end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14
(OT page 504–5 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 237 (stanzas 1–2)
Sing We Now of Christmas
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 2:1–12 (NT pages 1–2)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 237 (stanzas 3–5)
Sing We Now of Christmas

SERMON—Whose Side Are You On?

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.”)

This morning we give thanks for graduate and professional students. We celebrate their diligence and discipline in seeking to become experts in particular fields of study.

In Durham, we remember those who volunteer within the community and those who seek to build relationships across boundaries.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Friendly Beasts
Old English Carol
arr. Anne-Marie Hildebrandt
(1978)

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude;
And the friendly beasts around him stood.
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

“I” said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
I carried his mother uphill and down;
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town.
I, said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

“I” said the cow, all white and red,
I gave him my manger for his bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.
I said the cow, all white and red.
“I”, said the sheep with the curly horn,
I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
I, said sheep with the curly horn.

“I”, said the dove from the rafter high,
I cooed Him to sleep, that he should not cry;
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.
I, said the dove from the rafter high!

Thus every beast by some good spell,
in the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel.

*Doxology*

_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, Alleluia._

**Thanksgiving and Communion**

*The Great Thanksgiving*  
*(Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal)*

*The Lord’s Prayer*  
*(number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)*

**Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

_All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest._

_If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion._

**Music During Distribution**

_Hymns 229 and 242 (sung by all)_  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
Love Came Down at Christmas  
*W Zlobie Lezy  
Gartan*

**Communion Anthem**

Alleluia, Rejoice  
*I. Edmund Hughes (b. 1947)*

_O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,_
_That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear._
Rejoice, rejoice!
Hodie Christus natus est; hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt angeli;
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.

Today Christ is born; today the Saviour has appeared;
Today the angels sing;
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

*Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 248
On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Postlude
Carillon on “Orientis Partibus” (The Friendly Beasts)  Arthur Wills
(b. 1926)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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Ministry of Worship

Presiding Ministers  The Rev. Meghan Benson
                   The Rev. Brad Troxell
Preacher           The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Lectors            Ms. Marsá Musha
                   Chapel Community Member
                   Mr. Du Zhang
                   Graduate ’18, Member of the Chapel Choir
Organist          Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Guest Choir        Greensboro Youth Chorus
                   Nana Wolfe-Hill, director
                   Ann Doyle, accompanist
                   Teresa Allred, instrumentalist
Three Wise Men     Ian Gao
                   Giovanni Gullotto
                   Marco Gullotto
Angel of the Lord  Louella Whitaker
Ministers of Anointing  The Rev. Brad Troxell
                       The Rev. McKennon Shea
Head Ushers         Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur       Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Chapel Announcements

Today’s Flowers—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.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used for the Chapel Development Fund. The Chapel’s current focus is to upgrade the Chapel cameras and video capabilities to digital and high definition in order to better serve the thousands of worshippers locally, in Duke Hospital, and around the globe who tune in weekly.

Service of Remembrance for Haiti Earthquake—Monday, January 12, marks the five year anniversary of the Haiti earthquake. Together with the Duke Haiti Lab, Duke Chapel will be hosting a worship service that Monday at 4:30 p.m. Dean Luke Powery will preach and members of the Chapel Choir will sing. In addition, a remembrance book will be in the Chapel beginning on Friday where people may write words of solace and condolence to the people of Haiti.

Sermons Available—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on the Chapel’s website, www.chapel.duke.edu.

Duke Chapel Event Email List—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, dialogues, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/contact and sign up via the link in the left-hand box.

Questions People Often Ask - Why do we confess our sins?

Sin is not simply something that makes people unhappy or causes pain: it is life based on a false story, one that leads to worshiping something other than the triune God. However, the Christian story does not begin with sin but with God’s decision to be in relationship with humanity and all creation. Thus when there is a breakdown of that relationship, by what has been done, or what has been left undone, it is a tragedy in which the congregation has participated. Repentance means naming and stripping away the things that distance the disciple from the gospel. From personal repentance, the congregation moves into corporate confession. It is not just individual sin that separates each person from God: sin infects the people of God as a whole. In confessing sin, we recognize that the people of this congregation have joined, each and every week, in the catastrophe of discarding God’s everlasting invitation to worship and friendship.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education**—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes include:

- **Wee Praise** for infants through children age 3 with parents or caregivers in 0014 Westbrook
- **Godly Play** for 4-year olds through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Sunday School** for youth in 6th–12th grades in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study** focused on the theme of hope in 0011 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum:** Diverse presentations on a wide range of topics in 0012 Westbrook.

**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 11, at 5:45 p.m. Volunteers provide the “main course,” in the form of 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 Cricket Scovil if you would like to be part of this ministry: scovilj@aol.com or 919-286-0556.

**Back Pew Collection**—On Sundays, January 11 and 18, donations of new or gentled-used tents, blankets and tarps will be collected in the back pew. Donations will be distributed by Open Table Ministries to the homeless who live in various wooded areas of Durham.

**Fellowship Dinners January 9**—The Young Adults will meet at Bullock’s Bar-B-Que, 3330 Quebec Dr., Durham, while the 40s and 50s adults will meet at Mad Hatter, 1802 West Main St., Durham. Both fellowship dinners will be Friday, January 9, at 6:00 p.m.

**Epiphany Potluck Lunch**—To celebrate the season of Epiphany, which is on January 6, all are invited to stay for lunch in the Chapel lounge following worship on Sunday, January 11. Sandwiches will be provided, so please bring a salad, fruit, or dessert to share. Dishes may be dropped off in the Chapel kitchen prior to worship. (Please label containers and lids; there is no need to bring serving utensils.) Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or would like help getting your contribution to the kitchen, contact Judy Arneson at 919-599-5510.

**Youth Ski Retreat**—Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a ski weekend February 13-16 at Lake Junaluska Conference Center. In addition to skiing, the weekend will include worship and fellowship. Deadline for registration is January 15. Please contact Brad Troxell for detailed information at 919-684-3917 or brad.troxell@duke.edu.
FOR WORSHIPPERS & VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN
† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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