This morning’s Scripture readings mark the inauguration of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Jesus is baptized by John and models the way of obedience for us to follow. As Jesus rises out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon him, and he hears his Father’s affirmation call out from heaven: this is my Beloved Son. This loving delight echoes down from the ancient prophecy of Isaiah, who prophesies of the One who will come to bring justice to the nations and light to those who are in darkness.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

CHORAL PRELUDE
Canticle of Mary

Jeffrey L. Ames
(b. 1969)

O Come, Little Children

arr. Charles McCartha
(b. 1958)

What Child

William Chatterton Dix
(1837–1898)

arr. Paul W Lohman

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSEAL HYMN 182 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LIEBSTER JESU

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE
McKennon and Anna Shea present their son, Theodore Matthews, for baptism. The congregation responds by reading the passages in bold at the minister’s prompting.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
Believing that God has reached out to us with love and forgiveness, we seek to grow together in faith through worship, study, service, and celebration to the end that we embody Christ’s compassion and holiness.

COMMITMENT BY THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

COMMISSIONING PRAYER AND WELCOME
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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

PROCLAMATION

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. On this Communion Sunday, families with children are invited to sit up front, so they can better observe The Great Thanksgiving.
Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Loving Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we know ourselves to be your beloved children as we hear your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 42:1–9 (OT page 630)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 605 (stanza 1)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 3:13–17 (NT page 3)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 605 (stanzas 2–3)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Sermon—My Beloved, With Whom I Am Well Pleased

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

The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,
leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,
and in the house of my God I will live forever.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

—Psalm 23, paraphrased by Pote

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
(All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)

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, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 617
I Come with Joy

COMMUNION ANTHEM
O Light of Light, Love Given Birth
tr. Laurene Housman (1865–1959)

O Light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.
Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father’s voice his Son proclaimed.
May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

—Latin, 10th cent.

SENDING FORTH

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 428
For the Healing of the Nations

POSTLUDE
Toccata in D minor, BWV 538/i
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
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.

Worship Bags for ages 0–5, and Children's Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3–6 and 7–12, are available at the rear of the Chapel. Please return bags and clipboards at the end of the service.

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. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.

Prayers for the Week

This morning we give thanks for the Center for International Studies, whose faculty, students, and staff are dedicated to understanding the complex challenges that face our world and promoting peace, human rights, and social justice for all humanity.

In Durham, we remember those who suffer from depression, loneliness, or quiet desperation.
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 undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program.

Today’s Guest Preacher—Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Susan Dunlap as a Peter J. Gomes Guest Preacher. Rev. Dr. Dunlap is Adjunct Assistant Professor and Director of the M.Div/M.S.W. Dual Degree Program at Duke Divinity School where she has been teaching since 1995. She teaches in the area of pastoral care in times of grief and illness, as well as the integrative courses for the M.Div/M.S.W. program. She has published two books, Counseling Depressed Women and Caring Cultures: How Congregations Care for the Sick. She also serves as the chaplain at Urban Ministries of Durham. She holds a B.A. from University of California at San Diego, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Th.M. from Duke Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

About Today’s Guest Musicians—The Greensboro Youth Chorus is a community-based choral program for young singers, third grade through twelfth grades. GYC has had many prestigious and exciting experiences including state, national and international competitions. For twenty-nine years, GYC has offered young people world-class opportunities that emphasize musical excellence and character education.

Bach Organ Recital—The J.S. Bach: Complete Organ Works series continues this evening at 5:00 p.m. with Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson playing a recital titled “Something Old & New: Music for Epiphany.”

Habitat House Dedication—The Habitat for Humanity house sponsored by numerous Duke organizations, including Duke Chapel and the Congregation at Duke Chapel, will be dedicated on Saturday, January 14, at 11:00 a.m. The house is located at 106 N. Blacknall Street in Durham. All are welcome to attend.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Events—The Chapel is participating in the university’s Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration this coming week. On Saturday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m. in Reynolds Auditorium, the Chapel is a co-sponsor of the concert “Sounds of Justice & Inclusion,” which features performances by John Brown’s Little Big Band, Durham Symphony Orchestra, three-time Grammy-winning jazz singer Dee Dee Bridgewater, 100 Men in Black Chorus, and actor and narrator Keith Snipes. During the Chapel’s 11:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, January 15, the guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer, the James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus in the Divinity School and author of The Preacher King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word That Moved America. And at 3:00 p.m. on the same day, the Chapel will host a King commemoration ceremony that features a keynote address by Phil Freelon, architect of record and design team leader of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History & Culture.
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.

**Corinthians Bible Study:** For adults in 0015 WB.

**Adult Forum:** On January 15, The Rev. Christopher Ross will offer an exploration of prayer. For adults in 0012 WB.

Epiphany Lunch Today—All are welcome to stay for a light lunch in the Chapel lounge following worship today.

Women’s Study Group—Adult women meet twice a month on Monday evenings to discuss living faith as grace-full disciples, in an atmosphere of openness and mutual support. Leadership and hosting is shared and new participants are welcome. The first meeting of the year will be Monday, January 9. Please contact Pam Marcom or the Congregation office for additional information.

**Corinthians Bible Study**—A ten-week study of First Corinthians will begin on Sunday, January 15, at 9:45 a.m. in Westbrook 0015, located in the lowest level of the Divinity School. Participants may join the class at any time.

**Young Adult Dinner**—Young adults and their families are invited to gather for dinner on Friday, January 13, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Refectory Café, 2726 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd in Durham. Those who wish will continue the evening at the West End Wine Bar, 601 W Main St, Durham at approximately 8:00 p.m.

**January Back Pew Collection**—The collection will support the Durham Crisis Response Center, which works to end domestic and sexual violence. DCRC needs pantry items such as non-perishable food, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and laundry supplies. Please bring pantry items for collection from the back pew next Sunday, January 15, or Sunday, January 22.

**Saturday Service Project**—Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. to assist the Durham Crisis Response Center with cleaning and organizing at their shelter. Please contact Denise Noble, at denise.noble@duke.edu or the Congregation office, if you plan to attend.

**Families Moving Forward**—Volunteers are needed on January 16 and 17 to provide dinner (5:30–6:30 p.m.) and childcare (6:30–7:30 p.m.) at the homeless shelter for families in Durham. Please contact Jane Fellows (janeafellows@msn.com) or Elaine DeAlmeida (elainedealmeida8@gmail.com) to volunteer.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Richard Lischer, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching, Duke Divinity School.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to local non-profit organizations.