This morning’s Scripture readings speak of how the power and wisdom of God are foolishness to the world. The prophet Micah upends legalistic requirements to please God, instead teaching that the Lord requires us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. In Matthew’s Gospel we hear Jesus preaching the radical Kingdom of God. The apostle Paul declares that God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Jesus calls us to the way of his cross as the only path to true power and love.
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

*Im Abendrot* (At Twilight)  
Richard Strauss  
(1864–1949)  
arr. Robert Parkins

CHORAL INTROIT

*Gebed* (Prayer) *(sung in Afrikaans)*  
Koos du Plessis  
(1945–1984)  
arr. Danie Hyman

Laat my nooit u grond verlaat nie.  
Laat my in U skadu bly.  
Gee dat elke aard se vreugde en vrees,  
eind’lik nietig word vir my.  
Elke afdraaipadjie ken ek.  
Elke keer het ek verdwaal.  
Elke keer het U my iewers kom haal.  
Maak dit, Heer, die laaste maal.

Elke dag is ’n gedagte.  
Elke kamer net gehuur.  
Elke aardse droom van rykdom en roem,  
et ’n skadu teen die muur.

Wat ek is, is net genade,  
wat ek het is net geleen.  
Eintlik smag ek na U waters van rus.  
Lei my, Heer, vanaand daarheen.

Let me always remain grounded.  
Let Your shadows fall on me.  
May I get to understand earth’s joy and fear as inconsequential.

I know every little side road.  
Every time I lost my way.  
Every time You fetched me somewhere.  
Let it be the last time, O Lord.

Every day is a mere concept.  
Every room is only rented space.  
Every earthly dream of riches and fame is just a shadow on the wall.

Who I am is only through God’s mercy.  
What I have is only borrowed.  
What I long for is Your waters of rest.  
Lead me there this evening, O Lord.
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 584 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
  Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
  ABBOT’S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE
  The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:
  
  Lord have mercy.
  Lord have mercy.
  
  Christ have mercy.
  Christ have mercy.
  
  Lord have mercy.
  Lord have mercy.

  The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
  Heavenly Father, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us and to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Micah 6:1–8 (OT page 816)
  Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.
  People:  Thanks be to God.

ANthem
  Who Shall Abide  
  Walter L. Pelz  
  (1926–1997)

  Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

  —Psalm 15:1–2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Corinthians 1:18–31 (NT page 156)
  Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.
  People:  Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 402 (stanzas 1–2)
  Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
  I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
  (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 5:1–12 (NT page 4)
  Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.
  People:  Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 402 (stanzas 3–4)
  Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
  I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

SERMON—Foolish Wisdom
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.”)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Beatitudes
Craig DeAlmeida
(b. 1978)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you.
Blessed are you when people persecute you.
Blessed are you when people utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

—Matthew 5:3–12a

*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.
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 708
Rejoice in God’s Saints

*Choral Blessing
God Be in My Head
John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

Postlude
Fugue in G Minor
Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Dr. Adam Hollowell

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Lectors
Ms. Sarah Yang
Asian InterVarsity, Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Trinity ’20

Ms. Denise Noble
Congregation Divinity Intern, Divinity ’18

Choir
Duke University Chapel Choir

Flute
Ms. Xiating Chen
PCM, Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Pratt ’17

Guitar
Mr. Randy Reed

Choir Director
Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Organists
Dr. Robert Parkins
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Andrew Phillips

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Today’s Flowers—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Nan & Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to underwrite the costs for undergraduate students going on the Chapel’s Spring Break mission trips. Duke Chapel PathWays provides mission trip opportunities for students who are interested in spending their Spring Break in service and reflection. Upcoming trips in March 2017 include visits to Costa Rica and to Holy Cross Abbey in Virginia.

Interfaith Art Exhibit—The “Beyond Bridges” interfaith, visual art exhibition will be on display in the Chapel’s nave in February. Attend a public discussion on the exhibit and reception with the curator on Sunday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel. The exhibit showcases 21 works by Arab, Persian, and Jewish contemporary artists from countries of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish backgrounds. Its theme is what “bridges” people to one another, as well as what the three faiths of the artists hold in common across their different creeds and cultures.

Finding Sanctuary Speaker Series—Dr. Diya Abdo, chair of the English and Creative Writing Department at Guilford College, believes private colleges and universities can play a pivotal role in housing and resettling refugees. On Tuesday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m., Dr. Abdo will speak at the Chapel about “Every Campus a Refuge,” an initiative which calls on colleges and universities around the world to assist in resettlement by hosting one refugee family on campus. The talk is the first in the Chapel’s semester-long Finding Sanctuary speaker series.

Sullivan Award—Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. It will be presented in April 2017 to a Duke graduating senior and to a Duke University or Duke Health faculty member, staff person, or graduate/professional student who exhibits selflessness, generosity of service, nobility of character, integrity, and a depth of spirituality. For the past eight years, students involved with the Chapel’s student outreach have received the student award. Go to provost.duke.edu and click on “awards and professorships” to nominate a student or staff member today!

This year there will be a diverse program of music as part of the Chapel’s Year of Celebration. These are the upcoming events:

Tonight, 5:00 p.m.—Organ Recital Series:
with Dr. Thomas Murray, Professor of Music and University Organist at Yale Music School

Sunday, February 5, 1:00 p.m.—Carillon Recital Series:
In Honour of Her Majesty the Queen’s 65th Anniversary of Accession
with Mr. J. Samuel Hammond, University Carillonneur
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 February 5, Vanessa Hawkins, Associate for Nurturing Ministries, Presbytery of New Hope, will present Testimony as a Communal Act of Spiritual Praxis in 0012 WB.

**Young Adult Dinner**—All adults in their 20s and 30s, and their families, are invited to enjoy dinner together on the first Friday of the month. On February 3, young adults will gather at Guasaca, Erwin Square, #A-100, 2200 W Main St., Durham, for food and fellowship. New participants are always welcome.

**Fellowship Lunch**—Next Sunday, February 5, worshipers are invited to gather for lunch in the West Union, which is a short walk from the Chapel and features many food vendors. Participants will select and purchase their own food, then congregate for fellowship. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be on hand to direct people to and within the West Union.

**The End of the World**—A half-day winter retreat, addressing the question of “Does Apocalyptic Thought Tell Us About the End of the World?”, will be led by Dr. James Efird, professor emeritus of Duke Divinity School. The retreat will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Durham. The fee of $10 covers the cost of a catered lunch. All youth and adults are welcome to attend. Please register by contacting the Congregation office by February 6.

**New Member Class**—A four-week class for those considering membership in the Congregation at Duke Chapel will begin on Sunday, March 5, at 9:45 a.m. in 0014 Westbrook. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**Youth Summer Service-Learning Trip**—Youth who are in 6th–12th grade are invited to participate in a summer trip to the Hinton Center in western North Carolina, July 23–28. For detailed information, please contact Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**eNEWS**—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing fellowship events, service opportunities and Christian education classes. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel.

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