Today we celebrate Epiphany, which 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, 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.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on “Resonet in laudibus”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*Prayers 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.

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 | NT page 649 in the pew Bibles

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Blessed Birth

H. Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

That so Thy blessed Birth, O Christ, Might thro’ the world be spread about,

* All who are able may stand
The star appeared in the East,  
Whereby the Gentiles found Thee out;  
And offered Thee  
Myrrh, Incense, Gold  
The three-fold office to unfold.

Tears that form true repentance drop,  
Instead of Myrrh, present will we:  
For Incense we will offer up  
Our prayers and praises unto Thee  
And bring for gold each pious deed,  
Which doth from saving faith proceed.

And as those wise men never went  
To visit Herod any more,  
So, finding Thee, we will repent  
Our courses followed heretofore  
And that we homeward may retire  
The way by Thee we will enquire. Amen

Words by George Wither

*Gradual Hymn 223 (Stanza 1) | Face the Gospel Procession
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Gospel Lesson | NT pages 1-2 in the pew Bibles
Matthew 2:1-12

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 209 (Stanza 2-3) | Face the Gospel Procession
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Sermon

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:
People: Hear our prayer.
Offertory Anthem

Bethlehem Down

When he is King we will give him the King's gifts:
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
"Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUN

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 Holy 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 219 | Sung by all:

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Communion Anthem

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)

1. Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

2. The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

3. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Sending Forth

*Post-Communion Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Choral Benediction

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

H. Walford Davies
(1864–1941)

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble

Closing Voluntary

Fugue on *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*, Op. 40, No. 1/ii

Max Reger

(1873-1916)

Carillon
**ENGAGE**

**EPHYPANY SNACKLUCK TODAY** | All are invited to stay after worship today for a time of fellowship in the Chapel lounge. An Epiphany cake will be served.

**EPHYPANY LESSONS AND CAROLS TODAY** | The Duke Evensong Singers lead the music in a service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols today at 4:00 p.m. Featuring composer Jonathan Dove’s anthem “The Three Kings,” this service alternates readings, hymns, and anthems to conclude the Christmas season.

**TRIPLE T (TUESDAY, TABLE, TALK)** | University students and other young adults gather twice a month for a simple supper, Bible study, and laughter. New participants are welcome at any time. Snacks are provided. Gatherings will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel on Tuesday, January 8.

**VESPERS RESUMES** | The Chapel’s weekly Choral Vespers service resumes on Thursday, January 10, at 6:00 p.m. As daylight fades, Choral Vespers invites students and community members into the darkened Chapel to experience sacred music, Scripture readings, and prayer. The Duke Vespers Ensemble leads the choral portion of the service.

**SHELTER DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** | Helpers are needed for lasagna dinners at the Urban Ministries Shelter on Sunday, January 13 (5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, February 27 (6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Please contact Cricket Scovil (scovilj@aol.com) to volunteer to cook two party size lasagnas (12-servings) and help serve, or just provide two cooked lasagnas. Each dinner requires 22 lasagnas and about ten volunteers. The shelter is located at 410 Liberty Street, Durham.

**BOOK GROUPS** | Beginning Wednesday, January 16, two book groups will gather to discuss *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz. The book invites readers to explore how to grow, maintain, and expand Christian community. Meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., the groups will continuing for a total of five weeks. Please contact Josh Stanley at joshua.stanley@duke.edu to indicate plans to attend.

**STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS** | Undergraduate students are invited to apply to be this year’s Duke Chapel Student Preacher. The student selected will preach in Duke Chapel’s Sunday morning worship service on February 17. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/StudentPreacher.
STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES THIS SEMESTER | This semester undergraduate students have a number of ways to grow in their faith through Duke Chapel Student Ministries programs. Those opportunities include Student Preacher Sunday, the PathWays Fellowship, the C. Eric Lincoln Theology and Arts Fellowship, a House Course on missions, mission trip funding, and more. More information at chapel.duke.edu/student_ministries.

MLK SERVICE DAY | Volunteers are needed to participate in two service projects on Monday, January 21. The Threshold Clubhouse, which serves adults with mental illness, needs volunteers from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their location of 609 Gary St. The Book Harvest, which provides books to children, needs volunteers from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a special event at Durham Center Park, 501 Foster St. Please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-384-3917 for more information or to volunteer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email