In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and declares the coming of Jesus, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. In an act of humble obedience, Jesus, the sinless One, is baptized by John. As Jesus rises up from the water, the heavens are opened, and the Spirit descends on Jesus, with his Father declaring "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." This public declaration of his belovedness and identity as the Son of God confirms the glory and worship given years earlier to the baby Jesus by the Magi, an event the church celebrates as the Epiphany.
Gathering

Carillon

Choral Prelude

My Lord What a Morning

In the Bleak Midwinter

God Be in My Head

Sue Ellen Page (1949–2016)

arr. William Snedden (b. 1962)

arr. Andrea Ramsey (b. 1979)

Greetings and Announcements

*Processional Hymn 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Baptism

*Presentation of Candidates | Steve and Melissa Grosso present their son, Luca William Grosso, for Baptism. Joseph Nathan Krenicky and Brooke Huang present themselves for Baptism. The congregation responds by reading the passages in bold at the minister's prompting.

Profession of Faith | In unison:

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 | In unison:

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.

* All who are able may stand
Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:
Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Beloved Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | NT pages 477–8 in the pew Bibles
Psalm 29
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 209 (Stanza 1) | Face the Gospel Procession
Blessed be the God of Israel

Gospel Lesson | NT pages 32–3 in the pew Bibles
Mark 1:4–11
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 209 (Stanzas 2–3) | Face the Gospel Procession
Blessed be the God of Israel

Sermon
The Voice of the Lord

Response

Call to Prayer
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: Thanks be to God.
Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the people | The congregation responds to each petition:
People: Hear our prayer.
Offertory Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)  
arr. Allen Pote  
(b. 1945)

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 the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name.  
And 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 in the day of my life and  
in the house of my God I will live forever.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

A child and youth member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel bring forward offerings collected in the children and youth Sunday School classes.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 92 | Sung by all:

For the Beauty of the Earth DIX
Send Forth
*Post-Communion Prayer
*Benediction
*Closing Processional Hymn 89
   Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
   HYMN TO JOY

Closing Voluntary
   Fugue on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star,"
   Op. 40, No. 1/ii
   Max Reger
   (1873–1916)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg .................................................. Pastor to the Congregation
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ........................................... Director of Worship and Community Ministry

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ...................................... Dean of Duke University Chapel

LECTORS
Ms. Denise Noble .................................................. Intern, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Joan Roobol ...................................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

ANGEL OF THE LORD
Ms. Poppy DeAlmeida ............................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

THREE KINGS
Ms. Genevieve DeAlmeida ........................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Mr. Giovanni Gullotto .............................................. Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Mr. Marco Gullotto ................................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

MUSICIANS
Greensboro Youth Choir ................................................. Guest Choir
Ms. Ann Doyle .......................................................... Founder and Artistic Director
Ms. Teresa Allred .......................................................... Accompanist and Assistant Director
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ............................................... Chapel Organist
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond ............................................. University Carillonneur

MINISTER OF ANOINTING
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp .................................................. Associate Dean for Religious Life

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
CHILDREN AT COMMUNION | 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.

TODAY’S FLOWERS | 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 checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area.

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR | The Greensboro Youth Chorus is celebrating its 30th season this year. GYC has offered young singers opportunities that enrich their lives through music education and foster inner qualities, such as personal and group responsibility, independence, discipline, commitment and self-esteem. GYC has had many prestigious and exciting performance experiences including state, national, and international competitions and festivals, as well as collaborations with outstanding conductors, composers, and instrumentalists. They have performed for the Southern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association and have toured British Columbia, Germany, France, Scotland, and England.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.

RECEIVE PRAYER | Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.
STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP | All are invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship today in the Chapel Lounge, located on the lower level.

EPHANPY LESSONS AND CAROLS | The second half of this year’s Duke Chapel Music Series begins this evening 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.

JAZZ VESPERS | A collaboration between Duke Chapel and the Duke Jazz Program, our Jazz Vespers worship service 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, combines the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz. Chapel Dean Luke Powery and others will offer prayers and readings during the service, while Duke Music Professor John Brown’s “Little” Big Band will provide musical leadership.

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!

QUILTING MINISTRY | The Duke Chapel Quilters gather every three or four months for three consecutive Tuesdays to create prayer quilts for the congregation. Those who quilt, or simply sew, are invited to join the warm-hearted group at the home of Ann Recesso on January 9, 16, and 23, at 9:30 a.m. The group also welcomes donations of batting and large pieces of cotton fabric. Please call Ann at 919-929-8218 for further information.

CHAPEL TOUR | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
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 Westbrook.
Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
Youth Sunday School: For youth in 6–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook.
Bible Study: For adults in 0015 Westbrook (beginning January 21).
Adult Forum: Guests speakers present on a variety of topics in 0012 Westbrook.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | On January 14 and 21, the Congregation will be collecting blankets, hats, socks, detergent, dryer sheets, and movie passes (to Northgate’s Stadium 10 Theater) for students and families connected to Partners for Youth Opportunity.

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.

For a complete listing of events please visit CHAPEL.DUKE.EDU/EVENTS