The Epiphany season celebrates the revealing of Christ. Traditionally, it marks three events: the visit of the magi, the baptism of Christ, and his first miracle—Jesus’s transforming water into wine at Cana. Today we remember the baptism of Jesus, and in response we renew our own baptismal covenant with our Lord, even as we welcome new members into the Body of Christ through baptism. We also recall three elements of our baptism—the stripping of all that stands between us and God, the washing in the water that cleanses us and drowns our sin, and being clothed in the garments of righteousness, the new vocation of discipleship.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude Music

From *Livre d’orgue*  
Plein Jeu  
Fugue  
Trio

Pierre du Mage  
(1674–1751)

Introit

Tribus Miraculis  
Carlotta Ferrari

Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:  
Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepium:  
Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:  
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,  
ut salvaret nos. Alleluia.

_We observe this holy day, ornamented with three epiphanies:_  
_Today a star led the magi to the manger;_  
_Today wine was made from water at the wedding;_  
_Today in the Jordan Christ was baptized by John,  
so that he might save us. Alleluia._

—Traditional antiphon for Epiphany

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 605*

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters  
BEACH SPRING

Baptism

Presentation of Candidates | AJ McClure presents himself for baptism, and  
Irene Elizabeth Harris is presented for baptism by her parents, Mason and Susan Harris.

*All rise as able*
**Profession and Renunciation** | The congregation and those presenting candidates for baptism affirm their faith by responding to the following questions.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? 
**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? 
**I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?  
**I will.**

**Profession of Faith**

Believing that God reaches out to us with love and forgiveness, we seek to grow together in faith through worship, study, service and our life together, 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.

Minister:  The peace of Christ be with you.
People:    And also with you.
Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: as we hear your word this morning, may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 630 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 42:1–9

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

Psalmody | Chanted by the choir.

Psalm 29 Setting by Chad Fothergill

Ascribe to Adonai, you divine beings, 
ascribe to Adonai glory and strength.
Ascribe to Adonai the glory of His name; 
worship Adonai in holy splendor.
The voice of Adonai is over the waters; the God of glory thunders—
Adonai over mighty waters.
The voice of Adonai with force, 
the voice of Adonai in splendor—
the voice of Adonai breaking cedars;
Adonai breaks up the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, 
and Sirion like a young ox.
The voice of Adonai 
carves with fiery flames.

The voice of Adonai convulses the wilderness; 
Adonai convulses the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of Adonai makes terebinths tremble and strips forests bare—
while in His palace all say, Glory!
Once Adonai presided over the floodwaters, and Adonai will preside, King forevermore. May Adonai give strength to His people; may Adonai bless His people with peace.

—trans. Ellen F. Davis

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 1 and 2. See hymn printed at the end of worship guide.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 3 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 3:13–17

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

*Gradual Hymn | Stanzas 3 and 4. See hymn printed at the end of worship guide.

Sermon

God Soaking Wet

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 | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

God, Bless Us and Keep Us

God, bless us and keep us and make us a blessing, a sign of your mercies outnumb’ring the stars. Enliven our labor with love for our neighbor, the harvest of grateful and grace-bearing hearts.

Christ, shine on our path as the flame of good courage, a light in the darkness, the dawn of our days. With kindness uphold us, defend us, and clothe us in garments of gladness and garlands of praise.

Pour out on all people your bountiful Spirit—new visions she wakens, sweet wisdom she breathes. Today and tomorrow, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death, ever, God, give us peace.

—Susan Ruth Briehl

*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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Sending Forth
*Choral Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.

—Isaiah 11:2 and Psalm 72:18, adapt.

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn | UMH 252

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Closing Voluntary

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Carillon
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Head Usher
James Ferguson ................................................Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Baptized Today | Please welcome the newly baptized members of Christ’s church, AJ McClure and Irene Elizabeth Harris. Irene is the daughter of Mason and Susan Harris.

Today’s Offering | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Christmas Decorations | 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.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Psalm 29: Translation by Ellen F. Davis, © 2022; used with permission.
University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for Duke Human Resources.

Chili Today | All are invited to stay after worship today, January 8, for a chili lunch in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Please plan to enjoy food and fellowship with other worshipers.

Attendance Pad | This morning, worshipers are invited to indicate their presence using the attendance pad located on the pews at the center aisle. The purpose of this is to help the Chapel and Congregation better understand who worships with us on Sunday mornings. In addition, this registration will allow those who share a pew to greet each other by name.

Back Pew Collection | On the next two Sundays, the Congregation will collect items for neighbors at Urban Ministries of Durham. Currently, the shelter needs shelf-stable, non-perishable food as well as socks and underwear for men. Donations may be placed on the back pew on January 15 or January 22.

Choral Evensong This Afternoon | Today at 4:00 p.m., the Chapel will hold a service of Choral Evensong, which draws upon stirring choral and organ music of the English cathedral tradition. The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer with music led by the Chapel’s Evensong Singers.

Young Adult Gathering Tomorrow | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to dinner and Bible study on Mondays, January 9 and 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Come for a light supper and good conversation. Participants will discuss the Letter to the Romans. For more information, please contact laura.wilson@duke.edu.

Becoming Human Book Group | All are welcome to participate in discussion of Dean Luke Powery’s newest book, Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race. The four-week book group will begin on Wednesday, January 11. Book groups will meet over Zoom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For additional information, contact congregation@duke.edu.
Duke Habitat House | The kick-off for building the Habitat for Humanity House sponsored by Duke Chapel and other Duke entities will be next Saturday, January 14, at 12-noon. The house will be located at 104 N Plum St. in Durham. All are welcome to attend this celebration. Sign up to help build the house here: https://www.durhamhabitat.org/volunteer.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday | In next Sunday’s service, we will welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson. He is the leading pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York, where he has served since 1990. Under his leadership, Concord Baptist was one of a handful of churches across the country serving as a teaching congregation for pastors through a pastoral residency program supported by the Lilly Endowment. In addition to his pastoral role, he is also an associate professor of homiletics at Drew Theological Seminary.

Seeking to Hire a Communications Specialist | The Chapel is seeking to hire a Communications Specialist. The person in this position presents the Chapel’s mission, ministry, and programs to its constituents through visual media. Learn more and apply on the Duke Careers website at careers.duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. These classes are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, as follows:

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook
Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in 0050 Langford
Youth Bible Study: Youth in 6th–12th grades will discuss New Testament letters in 0015 Westbrook
Bible Study: Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom
Adult Forum: On January 15, Dr. Brian Stratton, professor of philosophy at UNCP, will address "Divine Discussions: Models for Inter-Religious Dialogue" in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom.
1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man-i-fest at Jordan’s stream, proph-et, priest, and king su-preme;
3 Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole weak-en-ed bod- y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres-ent in thy ho-ly word;

man-i-fest-ed by the star to the sa-ges from a-far,
and at Ca-na wed-ding guest in thy God-head man-i-fest;
man-i-fest in val-i-ant fight, quelling all the dev-il’s might;
grace to im-i-tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy-al Da-vid’s stem in thy birth at Beth-le-hem:
man-i-fest in pow’r di-vine, chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine;
man-i-fest in gra-cious will, ev-er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be-come like thee at thy great e-piph-a-ny,

an-thems be to thee ad-dressed, an-thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man-i-fest.
and may praise thee, ev-er blest,
ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

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