The Epiphany season celebrates the revealing of Christ. Traditionally it marks the three events: the visit of the magi, the baptism of Christ, and his first miracle—Jesus’ transforming water into wine at Cana. Today, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, and we welcome new members into God’s family through baptism this morning. Even as we celebrate these baptisms, we remember our own. In remembering, we 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 our being clothed in the garments of righteousness, the new vocation of discipleship. Therefore today is a call to holiness of life and renewed vocation.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Andante religioso

Franz Liszt
(1811–1886)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Rose Procession

*Opening Hymn 203

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

ELLACOMBE

Baptism

Presentation of Candidates | Kendall James Boydston and Louisa Nanette Mackessy are presented for baptism by their parents.

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.

* All rise as able
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.

Choral Response

The Spirit of the Lord

Zebulon M. Highben

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.


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

Isaiah 43:1–7

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

* All rise as able
Psalm 29

**Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,**

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. **Refrain**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **Refrain**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. **Refrain**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:14–17

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | See hymn at end. Stanzas 1 and 2

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

* All rise as able
*Gospel Lesson


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn | See hymn at end. Stanzas 3 and 4

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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Sermon

What’s in the Water?

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.

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.

Offertory Anthem

The Waters of Life

James Biery

The Father’s voice calls us above the waters.
The glory of the Son shines on us.
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

Text: Ancient Christian hymn, trans. ICEL

*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

Bwana awabariki

Bwana awabariki milele.
Ukimcha Bwana. Bwana awabariki.

May God grant you a blessing evermore.
Revere the Lord. May God grant you a blessing.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 252

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Closing Voluntary

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

* All rise as able
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

GRADUAL HYMN FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

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Kirsten Overdahl .................................................. Cantor

HEAD USHER
James Ferguson ........................................ Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

BAPTIZED TODAY | Please welcome the newly baptized members of the church of Jesus Christ: Kendall James Boydston, daughter of Kohl and Hilary Boydston and sister to Macy, as well as Louisa Nanette Mackessy, daughter of Dana Hogan and John Mackessy.

TODAY’S OFFERING | Today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Flowers for today’s worship service are given by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

ROSE PROCESSION | This morning’s rose procession honors two students who died in recent weeks: Carol Darwin, a student in Duke’s distance-based Doctor of Nursing Practice, and Bryan Lopez, a sophomore undergraduate student.

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.


TOUR AFTER THE SERVICE | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | The Durham Literacy Center helps neighbors in Durham reach their educational goals. The center currently needs: flash drives (new or used), earbuds with microphones, wireless mice for laptops. Please drop off donations at the back pew today or Sunday, January 16. For more information contact congregation@duke.edu.

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY | Rich with music spanning from the Renaissance to the present, Choral Evensong today at 4:00 p.m. features sung prayers, psalms, and canticles. Distinct from the noisy world around us, this service offers a place for quiet contemplation.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next gatherings are January 10 and January 24 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for additional information.

BOOK GROUP BEGINS THIS WEEK | For the four Wednesdays in January, book groups will meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle. Through lively stories and humor, Boyle, a Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy Industries, shows the power of compassion in working with former gang members. Groups will meet virtually starting on Wednesday, January 12. His inspirational work will be an encouragement for the new year. For the zoom link or additional information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

CHORAL VESPERS THIS THURSDAY | The Chapel’s Choral Vespers is a service of hymns, prayers, psalms, organ music, and choral anthems led by the Duke Chapel Vespers Ensemble. Its repertoire is centered on the music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods, often accompanied by period instruments. The next Vespers service is this Thursday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CEREMONY | The Chapel will host the university’s Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony on Sunday, January 16, at 3:00 p.m. Join members of the Duke and Durham community, in person or online, in honoring the life and work of Rev. Dr. King. Find the livestream at chapel.duke.edu and learn more at mlk.duke.edu.
**ENGAGE**

**INTERFAITH LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY** | Partnership with the Department of Religious Studies and Housing and Residential Life, the Chapel has formed “Eruditio et Religio,” an undergraduate living-learning community committed to growing in “knowledge and faith.” Located in the Keohane 4B residence hall with easy access to The Mosaic, Duke’s only residential based prayer and meditation space, Eruditio et Religio invites students into questions around faith and doubt, religion and culture, community and connection. Students can learn more and apply by January 24 at chapel.duke.edu/llc.

**DURHAM PILGRIMAGE OF PAIN AND HOPE** | Join students and Duke community members for the weekend of February 18–20 in an opportunity to discover how your spiritual journey is connected to our city, Durham. Through the Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope you will immerse yourself in the story of the city and the biblical story as you reflect with others on what it means for how you live your life in Durham. This is a full weekend experience from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP** | Bridging faith and learning does not stop with graduation—the PathWays Fellowship not only gives recent alumni the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction, but it also gives them opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. This is a one-year residential discernment program designed for recent Duke graduates. Learn more and apply by January 28: chapel.duke.edu/PathWays.

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES** | To celebrate the bicentennial of César Franck’s birth in 1822, Scott Dettra performs all twelve of the composer’s major organ works on the Chapel’s Aeolian organ in two recitals: Saturday, January 29, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 30, at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

**STUDENT PREACHER SUBMISSIONS** | This spring semester, we will continue our tradition of having an undergraduate student preach for our 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are a student, maybe you’ve never thought about preaching at the Chapel, but you feel compelled to give voice to what the Spirit of God is stirring in you? Or, perhaps you have considered what it would be like to preach in the pulpit at the Chapel? If so, apply by January 31 by submitting a sermon manuscript to the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** | The new member class is a series of four classes to introduce the Congregation at Duke Chapel to prospective members. The next class will begin on Sunday, February 6, from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in both in-person and online formats. All those considering membership in the Congregation are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact carol.gregg@duke.edu.
**WOMEN INVITED** | Women are invited to seek God’s wisdom through studying scripture, building supportive relationships, and heartfelt discussions in a small group for women of all ages. The group will use the 2022 Upper Room Disciplines devotional book to guide discussions. Participants will meet virtually every other Monday night, beginning January 10, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

- **Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children ages 03–with parents or caregivers (available virtually).
- **Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).
- **Youth Bible Study**: Youth grades 6-12 will explore the Gospel of Luke in Westbrook 0015 and by Zoom.
- **Adult Bible Study**: Exploration of the book of Ephesians in Westbrook 0013 and by Zoom.
We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

The Congregation at Duke University Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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