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’ 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 of the Body of Christ through Baptism. Today 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 being clothed in the garments of righteousness, the new vocation of discipleship.
Gathering
Organ Prelude

Andante religioso

Franz Liszt
(1811-1886)

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Choral Introit

Epiphany Dialogue

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:
for the star that led the magi to the manger,
that the nations may see the light of Christ;
for the water turned to wine at Cana’s wedding,
that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;
for the baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan,
that the Christ would save us all.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

–Tribus miraculis ornatum, trans. Zebulon Highben

*Opening Hymn | See insert.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SALZBURG

Baptism

Presentation of Candidates | Macy Doris Boydston, Madeline Rose Cacchio, and Theodore James Grosso are presented for baptism. The congregation responds by reading the passages in bold at the minister’s prompting.

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 do.

* All rise as able
Profession of Faith

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

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.

Baptismal Blessing | Sung by the choir

The Spirit of the Lord            Zebulon M. Highben

Now John baptized with water,
but the Lord baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
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 | OT page 630 in the pew Bible

Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector:   This is the word of the Lord.
People:   Thanks be to God.
Psalm 29 | The refrain is introduced by the choir, then sung by all.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his 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.  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare. Refrain

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.  
The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. Refrain

*Gradual Hymn 252 | Please turn to face the Gospel procession.

When Jesus Came to Jordan

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 3 in the pew Bible

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Sermon

A New Creation Story

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

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

CHRI ST, UNS ER HERR
arr. Gerhard Krapf

To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, to do his Father's pleasure; baptized by John, the Father's Word was given us to treasure. This heavenly washing now shall be a cleansing from transgression and by his blood and agony release from death's oppression. A new life now awaits us.

There stood the Son of God in love, his grace to us extending; the Holy Spirit like a dove upon the scene descending; the triune God assuring us, with promises compelling, that by our baptism he will thus among us find a dwelling to comfort and sustain us.

To his disciples spoke the Lord, “Go out to every nation, and bring to them the living Word and this my invitation: Let everyone abandon sin and come in true contrition to be baptized, and thereby win full pardon and remission, and heavenly bliss inherit.”

–Martin Luther (1483-1546), trans. Elizabeth Quitmeyer

*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. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See insert.
Organ Postlude

Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ..............................................Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel
The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon ....Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ...........................................Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel

LECTORS
Mr. Parker Betts .................. Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’22, Member of the Congregation
Mr. Nathan Liang .................. Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’21

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Choir ..........................................................Choir
Dr. Zebulon Highben ...........Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Dr. Robert Parkins ................University Organist, Duke University
Mr. Christopher Jacobson .........Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Dr. Walker Robinson ..................Cantor

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon ....Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson .................. Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Acelynn Barefoot .........Chapel Scholar; Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

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.

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.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children age four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel’s lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.
BAPTIZED THIS MORNING | Please welcome the following children into our community of faith: Macy Doris Boydston, daughter of Kohl and Hilary Boydston; Madeline Rose Cacchio, daughter of Patrick and Megan Cacchio and sister of Mabel; and Theodore James Grosso, son of Steve and Melissa Grosso, and brother of Luca.

CHAPEL TOUR | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

CHILI LUNCH TODAY | All are welcome to attend a chili lunch today after worship in the Chapel lounge. The lounge is located in the lower level of the building. Please ask an usher for directions.

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on Mondays, January 13 and January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the gospel of Matthew. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for additional information.

UNEVEN GROUND EXHIBIT | Join the Chapel and First Presbyterian Church in exploring our faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit by Bull City 150. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue. It is on display at First Presbyterian through February 16 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Presbyterian is located at 305 E. Main St., which is on the free bus line and has limited free parking. Three events at First Presbyterian Church expand upon the theme of the exhibit: On January 14 at 6:00 p.m. is panel discussion of “Gentrification: the New Segregation?,” on January 19 at 12:15 p.m. is the opening reception for the exhibit with a presentation by Bull City 150, and on February 4 at 6:00 p.m. is an open house and titled “Sharing, Naming, and Healing.” For more information, contact the Chapel’s community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES | There are many opportunities for students to engage with the Chapel in the upcoming semester. Student Preacher Sunday gives one undergraduate student the opportunity to work with Chapel ministers to
develop and deliver a sermon in the Chapel. The C. Eric Lincoln Fellowship supports an undergraduate student in creating and displaying a sacred art project. The Eruditio et Religio Living-Learning Community fosters relationships among students of diverse religious traditions and prepares them to work together for the common good. The PathWays Fellowship is for graduating seniors, and recent graduates, who wish to spend a year living in Christian community and serving in Durham. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu. The deadline for Sunday Preacher submissions is January 17; the three other programs have an application deadline of January 24.

SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT | Volunteers are needed for a baking day at the Ronald McDonald House of Durham January 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please bring the ingredients for your favorite cookie, muffin or bread recipe and join in on the fun of baking and providing comfort for those patients and families who are staying there. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 for transportation or more information.

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 03– with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- **Godly Play**: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford
- **Godly Play Advanced**: For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: On January 19, The Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah, Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, and guest preacher in Duke Chapel will speak on *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery* and the failure of Christian imagination, drawing upon material in his recent book in 0012 Westbrook.
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Manifest at Jordan’s stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
3 Manifest in making whole weak-ened body, fainting soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;

manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
and at Cana wedding guest in thy God-head manifest;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil’s might;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of royal David’s stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
manifest in pow’r divine, changing water into wine;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,

anthems be to thee addressed,
anthems be to thee addressed,
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

and may praise thee, ever blest,
*Closing Hymn

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you
2 God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant
3 Straight-way and steadfast until death you then obeyed the
4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be
came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as true, sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and willing heart, to signed, that likewise in God's service we may
urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame. holy will to do, God's holy will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.