



Duke  
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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Jan Bruegel, *Sermon on the Mount*, 1598.

Who is blessed? Each of our scripture lessons today addresses this question. Psalm 1 says, “Happy are those [whose]...delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.” Similarly, in Jeremiah the Lord proclaims, “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.” Jesus picks up on the motif of proclaiming blessing when he journeys down from the mountain and begins teaching from a level place. He surprises the crowd gathered before him when he names as blessed in God’s kingdom the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and those who are despised on account of the Son of Man. Most would not call these blessed, yet the Lord who came down the mountain to teach from the plain does.

# Gathering

## Carillon

### Prelude

Passacaglia

Johann Caspar Kerll  
(1627–1693)

### Greeting and Call to Worship

#### \*Gathering Hymn | UMH 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

#### \*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord have mercy.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Minister: Christ have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Minister: Lord have mercy.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

The minister speaks words of assurance.

#### \*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:

**Lord of lofty and level places, send your Spirit to shine in our hearts that as your scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we would know your blessing today. Amen.**

\*All rise as able

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 676 in pew Bibles.

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Blessed Is the One

Jane M. Marshall  
(1924–2019)

Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees, planted by streams of water.

—*Psalm 1:1–3a*

New Testament Lesson | NT pages 165–166 in pew Bibles.

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson | NT page 60 in pew Bibles.

Luke 6:17–26

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The God Who Haunts Us

## Response

\*Response Hymn | UMH 256

We Would See Jesus

CUSHMAN

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

Mission of the Month

Offertory

Blessed Are They

Carolyn Jennings

Blessed are they who take delight in the living Word of God.  
For they, like trees along a stream, grow strong in all they do,  
deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word;  
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

The Word enlightens all who strive to know and do God's will:  
a lamp to guide us on our way, a light upon our path,  
for the law of God is true, and the grace of God is pure,  
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

All you hearers of the Word, rejoice and offer thanks  
for love so deep and broad and high, and praise for life so full,  
deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word;  
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

*—adapt. from Psalm 1:1-3; 119:105; Ephesians 3:17-21*

**\*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

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.

—*Isaiah 11:2 and Psalm 72:18, adapt.*

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending Hymn | UMH 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

### Postlude

Con moto maestoso (Organ Sonata No. 3)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
(1809–1847)

### Carillon

**Communion** | Immediately following the postlude, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel; worship guides for the service are available near the entrance. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

## Presiding Ministers

Luke A. Powery . . . . . *Dean, Duke University Chapel*  
Bruce Puckett . . . . . *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

## Preacher

Preston Davis . . . . . *Vice President and Minister to the University,  
High Point University; Divinity '21*

## Lectors

Noella Barron . . . . . *Chapel Scholar, Trinity '26*  
Ella Taylor . . . . . *Chapel Scholar, Pratt '25*

## Mission of the Month

Shana Filter. . . . . *Director of Marketing and Development, Urban Ministries of Durham*

## Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir . . . . . *Choir*  
Zebulon Highben . . . . . *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*  
Robert Parkins . . . . . *University Organist, Duke University*  
Chad Fothergill . . . . . *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*  
Mitchell Eithun . . . . . *Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*  
Katherine Johnson . . . . . *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*

## Head Usher

Ken Arneson . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**Today's Guest Preacher** | Today's Wilder Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Preston Davis, vice president and minister to the university at High Point University. At the university, he shapes the vision and culture for Christian spiritual formation and interfaith dialogue and service. Rev. Davis, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church in the Western North Carolina Conference, has pastored Christian communities in Decatur, Georgia; New York City; and western North Carolina. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Davidson College, a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and a doctor of ministry degree from Duke Divinity School. His writing has been published in *Charlotte* magazine, the *Charlotte Observer*, *Religion Dispatches*, *Union in Dialogue*, *The Term*, and *Infinite Space*.

**Today's Offering** | The mission of the month offering for today will go to support Urban Ministries of Durham. Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) connects with the community to end homelessness and fight poverty by offering food, shelter, and a future to neighbors in need. For over forty years, UMD has provided warm, safe beds at night, as well as hundreds of hot and nourishing meals every day. Donations to UMD help fund essential resources and services that strengthen the lives of individuals and families in our community. All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support Urban Ministries of Durham. Give online at [chapel.duke.edu/offering](https://chapel.duke.edu/offering). Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

**Today's Flowers** | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nan and Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.



## ENGAGE

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**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 the Pratt School of Engineering.

**Restrooms in Divinity School** | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

**Organ Recital** | Dr. James Kibbie will perform on the Chapel's Flentrop organ today at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. His program will feature music by Bach, Mozart, Price, Ropek, and Sowande. Renowned as an authority on the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach, he has recorded the complete Bach works on historic baroque organs in Germany, garnering enthusiastic critical acclaim.

**Back Pew Sunday** | The Congregation at Duke Chapel Back Pew collection for the month of February is for the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND) which needs snacks for the many group meetings they hold. Items suggested are: microwave popcorn, chips, fig bars, granola bars, nuts and cookies. Please drop your contributions at the back pew on February 23.

**Student Preacher** | Duke senior Riley Hamp will deliver a sermon in the Sunday morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. on February 23. Selected as this year's Student Preacher, Hamp will preach a sermon titled *Faith Over Fairness*, which reflects on the example of forgiveness in the life of Joseph as described in the Book of Genesis. A biology major from Waynesboro, Virginia, Hamp regularly attends services at Duke Chapel and is part of the Chapel Scholars program for study, service and prayer.

**Evensong Singers Concert** | The Chapel's Evensong Singers will present a concert with the theme of Light next Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission. With the title "Lux Aeterna—Eternal Light," the performance will feature pieces by the composers Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, David Hill, David Briggs, Matthew Martin, Cecilia McDowall, and Lucy Walker. Dr. Philip Cave, the Chapel's conductor-in-residence, directs the Evensong Singers with accompaniment by Organ Scholar Katherine Johnson.

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**Registration full for Jazz Vespers Service** | Registration is now full for the Jazz Vespers Service with guest artist Branford Marsalis on February 27. Those people who have registered will receive their free tickets via email from the Duke Box Office the week of the service.

**Applications Open for Bridge Internship** | The Bridge Internship is a program offered by the Office of Community Engagement and Service at North Carolina Central University and Duke Chapel. This residential summer internship from May 31 to July 25, 2025, invites student participants to live in community across typical divides. Living together and working in the community, participants consider how matters of faith shape the way they might live meaningfully and with purpose in the world, while also developing practical life skills related to work, community, and a fulfilling personal life. Apply by February 28 at [chapel.duke.edu/bridgeapplication](https://chapel.duke.edu/bridgeapplication).

**Ash Wednesday and Lent** | The Chapel will hold services on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., both with imposition of ashes. From March 13 through April 10, there will be Compline services on Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. to mark the season of Lent.

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**Christian Education Classes** | All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School (across the Chapel quad from Page Auditorium) from 9:45–10:45 a.m. Come early for refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

**Wee Praise:** Children ages 0–3 along with parent(s) or caregiver(s) in 0011 Westbrook

**Godly Play:** Children ages 4 as of 9/1/2024–1st graders in 0054 Langford

**Godly Play Advanced:** Children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford

**Youth Program:** Youth 6th–12th graders will explore a survey of the Old Testament in 0015 Westbrook

**Adult Forum:** With a variety of guest speakers, Adult Forum offers presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics. The thought-provoking topics include Biblical studies, current social issues and the work of mission agencies.

**February 23:** Congregation members Jane Fellows, oncology clinical nurse specialist; Bunny McClure; and Amilda Horne, M.D., distinguished life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association discuss "Expressions of Joy" in Westbrook 0012 and on Zoom

**Adult Bible Study:** A study of the book of Acts in Westbrook 0013 and on Zoom

## ACCESSIBILITY

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Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at [dukechapel@duke.edu](mailto:dukechapel@duke.edu).

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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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](http://chapel.duke.edu/connect).



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