Who is blessed? Each of our scripture lessons today address this question. Psalm 1 says, “Happy are those who… their 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

Organ Prelude

Toccata V (sopra i pedali per l’organo, e senza)      Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Choral Introit

I'll Stand Until      Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Mass Choir
and Kirk Franklin
(1998)

Lord I will, stand until,
till you come, come for me.
Regardless of my condition,
in spite of my situation,
Jesus I'll stand until You come for me.

When the trumpet sounds
We'll all be heaven bound.
I'll stand until
You come for me.

In spite of my trials, I'll lift You higher, higher, higher
I'll stand until You come for me.

* Processional Hymn 60

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath      OLD 113TH

* Prayers 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.

* All who are able may stand
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.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 463 in the pew Bible

Psalm 1

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

Anthem

Melodies from Heaven  
Kirk Franklin (b. 1970)

Melodies from heaven, rain down on me, rain down on me.
Take me in your arms and hold me close
Rain down on me, rain down on me.
Fill me your precious holy ghost
Rain down on me, rain down on me.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 676 in the pew Bible

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

*Gradual Hymn 129 (Stanzas 1-2) | Face the Gospel Procession

Give to the Winds Thy Fears  
FESTAL SONG

Gospel Lesson | NT page 60 in the pew Bible

Luke 6:17-26

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteous,
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say
all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Text: Matthew 5: 3-12

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

The Beatitudes Philip W.J. Stopford

(b. 1977)
*Doxology

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.

Sending Forth

*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.

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 132

All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

Choral Benediction

Blessed Are the Pure

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ’s abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble (1792 –1866)

Organ Voluntary

Final, from Symphony 6, Op. 42

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 anoint and pray.
TODAY’S FLOWERS | The flowers for the worship service today are given by the Gotham Fund to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program.

STUDENT PREACHER | This morning’s Boyles Endowment guest preacher is Ms. Janie Booth, a senior art history major from Charlotte, North Carolina.

GUEST CHOIR | United in Praise, formerly known as the Modern Black Mass Choir, is a diverse student group consisting of students of varying ethnicity. The choir is one of the oldest continuous student groups on the campus of Duke University. Though the name of the choir has changed, the choir’s commitments to Duke University, the Durham community, and Almighty God have remained the same. The group is advised by the Rev. Joshua Lazard, the Chapel’s C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement.

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

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.
**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL** | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions.

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

**BACK PEW COLLECTION** | Donations for the Meals on Wheels weekend meal program may be placed on the back pew this morning.

**BACH CANTATA TODAY** | The fourth concert in our Bach Cantata Series takes place at 5:15 p.m. today. This concert features J. S. Bach's exquisite funeral cantata, *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit* (God's time is best), known also as the *Actus tragicus*, BWV 106. It will be performed alongside cantatas by composers G. P. Telemann (*Du aber Daniel*, TWV 4:17) and C. L. Boxberg (*Bestelle dein Haus*).

The program is directed by Dr. Philip Cave, the Chapel's associate conductor for Chapel Music. Soloists and a chorus of Duke Bach Ensemble are accompanied on period instruments by the Mallarmé Chamber Players. Admission is free.

**TRIPLE T** | University students and other young adults gather twice a month to share food, discussion, and laughter. Snacks are provided. Participants will meet on Monday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. New participants are welcome at any time.

**ORGAN RECITAL SERIES** | Christopher Jacobson, Chapel organist and Divinity School organist, will perform next Sunday, February 24, at 5:15 p.m. as part of the Chapel's Organ Recital Series. He records for the Dutch music label Pentatone, and is a Grammy-nominated artist in collaboration with the South Dakota Chorale in their recording of Marcel Tyberg's *Masses*. He has performed the complete organ works of J. S. Bach and Maurice Duruflé across the United States. His recital this year, performed on the Aeolian organ, will feature music transcribed for the organ, including Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*. Admission is free.

**FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD DINNERS** | Volunteers are needed on Monday, February 25, and Tuesday, February 26, to provide food, assist in serving food, and provide child care while parents are in a class at Families Moving Forward, a shelter for homeless families. Volunteers may serve an hour or two on either or both evenings. For more information, to volunteer, or to get a ride, please contact the Congregation office.

**URBAN MINISTRIES DINNER** | Volunteers and donations are needed for the next two Urban Ministries dinners on Wednesday, February 27, 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 10, 5:15 p.m-7:00 p.m. Please contact the Congregation office to ask questions or to volunteer to prepare two 12-serving Stouffer's lasagnas and help serve (or just drop off two lasagnas). New volunteers are welcome any time, and rides are available for students.
THREE DEANS OF DUKE CHAPEL IN DIALOGUE | Three deans of Duke Chapel—one current and two former—will hold a public conversation about the role of preaching in public discourse on February 27 at 7:30 p.m. The discussion, titled Preaching and the Public Square, features Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery; Bishop Will Willimon, Chapel dean from 1984 to 2004; and the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, Chapel dean from 2005 to 2012. The event will be moderated by Frank Stasio, host of WUNC Radio's The State of Things.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS | Those who are considering joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to attend the spring new member class which will be held on four Sundays from March 17 to April 7 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in 0014 Westbrook. To discuss membership in the Congregation, please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

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 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: Study on the Gospel of Mark in 0015 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: On February 24, the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, dean of the Chapel, in conversation with James Todd, communications manager for the Chapel, will discuss Dean Powery’s new book *Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals* in 0012 Westbrook

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email

The Congregation is the interdenominational church home for university students and community members who consider the Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Through ministries of mission, education, and fellowship, members of the Congregation strive to deepen connections with God and neighbor.

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