A new semester of classes has begun at Duke, and we extend God’s welcome to you in Christ. In this morning’s scripture reading from James, the brother of Jesus teaches on the outworkings of the Christian life. The Christian acknowledges that every generous act and perfect gift is from our heavenly Father. Out of the power of the implanted word of God in our hearts, we must be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. Our new lives in Christ will reject wickedness and instead embrace the righteousness and generosity of God through loving one another, especially the most vulnerable. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus warns us not to offer vain worship with lips that honor him but hearts that are far away. Jesus calls us to a whole-hearted relationship with him that is transformative in its love.
Gathering
Carillon
Opening Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

Greetings and Announcements

Choral Introit

Let Us Go into the House of the Lord  
David Arcus  
(b. 1959)

I was glad when they said unto me: let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

—Psalm 122:1–2

*Processional Hymn 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
HYMN TO JOY

*Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Loving Father, by your Spirit grant us meekness to receive the implanted word that has the power to save our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 588 in the pew Bibles

Song of Solomon 2:8–13

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

* All who are able may stand
Anthem

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within thy house;
they praise thy name evermore!

—Psalm 84: 1–2, 4

New Testament Lesson | NT page 215 in the pew Bibles

James 1:17–27

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

*Gradual Hymn 188 (Stanzas 1–2) | Face the Gospel Procession

Christ Is the World's Light

Gospel Lesson | NT pages 39–40 in the pew Bibles

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

*Gradual Hymn 188 (Stanzas 3–4) | Face the Gospel Procession

Christ Is the World's Light

Sermon

Giving Birth

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.

Student Testimony
Offertory Anthem

I Was Glad

I was glad when they said unto me,
we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

—Psalm 122:1–3, 6–7

*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.

A child and youth member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel bring forward offerings collected in the children and youth Sunday School classes.

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 (see insert)

Earth and All Stars

Closing Voluntary

Chaconne (from Noel's Psalm) Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Carillon

Communion Service in Memorial Chapel | 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 with individuals.
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg .......................Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel
The Rev. Bruce Puckett .......................Assistant Dean of Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ...............Dean of Duke University Chapel

LECTORS
Ms. Sandy Kim .................................Duke Divinity Worship Intern, Divinity ’19
Ms. Lynn Holmes ..............................Congregation Divinity Intern, Divinity ’19

STUDENT TESTIMONY
Mr. Andrew Raines ...........................Chapel Choir, Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’21

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Choir .............................Choir
Dr. Philip Cave .................................Associate Conductor for Chapel Music
Amalgam Brass Ensemble .....................Instrumentalists
Dr. Robert Parkins ............................University Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ....................Chapel Organist
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond .....................University Carillonneur

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg .......................Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong .........................Members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Nan & Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

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.

RECEIVE PRAYER | Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
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.

WELCOME FROM THE CONGREGATION | Individuals wearing name tags and/or blue congregation t-shirts are members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel. They would like to welcome students and all visitors. Feel free to ask any of them questions regarding the ministries of the congregation.

LOCOPOPS FOR STUDENTS | After this morning’s service, all university students are warmly invited to join Chapel staff for Locopops in the Lounge. Gather downstairs to share Locopops and get to know each other.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS | Throughout this academic year, the Chapel offers a variety of ways for students to get involved and engage their faith. We invite you to learn more about the Chapel Scholars Program, the monthly Framing Your Faith Conversations, our community ministry and mission trip opportunities, and singing in one of the Chapel's choirs. Visit our website or connect with one of our staff for more information.

CONNECT WITH CHAPEL STAFF | If you are interested in connecting with the Chapel's ministries throughout this year, please connect with our ministry and music staff. If you have questions involving Sunday worship, reach out to Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of Duke University Chapel. If you have questions about student engagement, contact Rev. Joshua Lazard, the C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement and the Interim Director of Religious Life. If you want to know more about our ministries in the community, connect with Rev. Breana van Velzen, Duke Chapel's Community Minister. If you want to know about participating in the choirs of the Chapel, connect with Dr. Philip Cave, the Associate Conductor for Chapel Music and the Interim Director of the Chapel Choir. Find the contact information at chapel.duke.edu/contact/staff.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? | Singers of all voice parts are invited to join Duke's Chapel Choir, the Vespers Ensemble, or Evensong Singers. For further information, please visit https://chapel.duke.edu/auditions, or email us at chapelmusic@duke.edu.

DUKE CHAPEL WORSHIP | Worship is offered at Duke Chapel on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. throughout the year. Every Sunday worshipers from campus and the community gather to praise God, who is known to us in Jesus Christ. During the academic year, additional worship services include Evensong on Sundays at 4:00 p.m., Midweek Prayer on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m., and Vespers on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

CONGREGATION PICNIC | Please save the date of Sunday, September 23, from 4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at Piney Wood Park, 400 East Woodcroft Parkway, Durham, for the Congregation picnic.
PARKING PASSES AVAILABLE | Free parking passes are available that allow people coming to the Chapel’s Sunday Morning worship services to park in the Bryan Center Parking Garage. The garage is the parking area closest to the Chapel at 125 Science Drive. The passes allow for free parking in the garage on Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To receive a pass, please inquire at the front desk at the rear of the main sanctuary (nave).

PUB THEOLOGY | Join young adults on Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Pour Taproom, 202 Corcoran St., Durham for a discussion on Faith + Food. Participants will consider questions such as: What are the ethics of how we eat or the type of food we eat? How is it impacting our lives? The land itself? Our relationship to God, one another, and the church? Questions, doubts, and a desire to discuss are the only requirements.

YOUTH POTLUCK | Youth in grades 6–12 and their families are invited to stay after worship next Sunday, September 9, for a potluck lunch in the Chapel kitchen. The Congregation will provide sandwiches and families are invited to bring a side dish to share. For questions about youth ministry, contact Josh Stanley at joshua.c.stanley@duke.edu.

URBAN MINISTRY DINNERS | Ten volunteers and twenty-two cooked lasagnas are needed every month to serve our neighbors at Urban Ministries. The Congregation is committed to providing dinner on the following dates: Sunday, September 9, at 5:15 p.m and Wednesday, October 24, at 6:15 p.m. Please let Cricket Scovil know by email at scovilj@aol.com if you are able to assist with these meals. New volunteers are welcome at any time.

STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University students and other young adults gather twice a month for Triple T (Tuesday, Table, Talk) which includes a simple supper, Bible study, and laughter. New participants are welcome at any time. Supper is provided. Gatherings will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, September 11, and September 25 in the Chapel Lounge, located in the Chapel lower level.

FALL BOOK GROUP | The Congregation is sponsoring two book groups to focus on Jean Vanier's *Community and Growth*. The book is described as “a brilliant series of 'starting-points for reflection' on the nature and meaning of community." The book groups will meet on Wednesdays from September 19 - October 24 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Carol Gregg’s home. Participants are asked to purchase their own book. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

RETREAT ON COVENANT COMMUNITY | On Saturday, September 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Dr. Ellen Davis will lead a half-day retreat on the topic of covenant community. Dr. Davis is the Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School. Please contacting the Congregation office (919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu) for detailed information.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Sunday morning Christian Education classes for all ages are offered year-round. All classes held in the lowest level of the Westbrook building from 9:45–10:45 a.m. with refreshments beginning at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. The classes are:

   Wee Praise: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

   Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford

   Youth Bible Study: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook

   Adult Forum: On September 9, Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel, will lead a discussion on “Christian Community” in 0012 Westbrook.

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

ENGAGE WITH US | Scan this code and complete the form to let us know how we might connect with you and how you want to connect with the Chapel.

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