Today, we observe a festival celebrated each year on January 1, The Holy Name of Jesus. This festival commemorates the naming and circumcision of Jesus eight days after his birth, as described in Luke 2. The lesson from Numbers includes the blessing that Moses spoke to Aaron and his sons called, “the Aaronic Blessing.” In Philippians, Paul writes what has come to be known as “The Christ Hymn,” which tells of Jesus’s humble coming and death on the cross. Though Jesus died, God exalted him so that his name would be above every name and all would confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God. As we honor and confess the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that he would bless us and protect us in this new year.
Gathering

Prelude

Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light) arr. Anne McGinty
Mary Did You Know arr. Ray-Michel Kauffman
Koliady (Three Ukrainian Carols) arr. Peter Senchuk

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 245, stanzas 1–4.

The First Noel

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

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide the magi to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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:

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
Old Testament Lesson | OT page 119 in pew Bibles.

Numbers 6:22–27

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

Voluntary

Divinum Mysterium
12th-century plainsong
arr. Nancy Nourse

New Testament Lesson | NT page 186 in pew Bibles.

Philippians 2:5–11

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

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 220, stanzas 1–2.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 55 in pew Bibles.

Luke 2:15–21

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


Angels from the Realms of Glory

Sermon

*All rise as able
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.

Offertory Music

Christmas Images

arr. Ervin Monroe

*Doxology

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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.

*Closing Hymn | UMH 251*

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Postlude

**In dulci jubilo, BWV 729**  
J. S. Bach

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Ministers**
Carol Gregg ........................................... Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Racquel Gill ................................. Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel

**Preacher**
Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple .......... Sixth Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina (Resigned), Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

**Lectors**
Kenyon Davenport ......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Thomas Link ................................. Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

**Musicians**
Raleigh Flute Choir ............................... Guest Ensemble
Jane Lynch ................................. Guest Organist

**Head Usher**
James Ferguson ............................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Today’s Guest Preacher | The Rt. Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple remains the Sixth Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina though she recently retired from active service in that role. She is the diocese’s first female bishop and was consecrated bishop in a service in Duke Chapel in 2013. A graduate of Duke University, Bishop Hodges-Copple has focused on campus and young adult ministries, racial justice and reconciliation, the ordination process for deacons, global partnerships for mission, interfaith collaborations, and the pastoral care of retired clergy. In her work beyond the Diocese of North Carolina, she has led pilgrimages to the Holy Land and served in a number of leadership roles for the national Episcopal Church’s executive council and general conventions. Before being consecrated as a bishop, she served in the Diocese of North Carolina as a parish priest and as campus minister for the Duke Episcopal Center.

Today’s Guest Ensemble | The Raleigh Flute Choir, a chamber ensemble of professional flutists from central North Carolina, was founded in 1986 and utilizes the full complement of instruments in the flute family, from the one-foot piccolo to the eight-foot contrabass flute. Their varied repertoire ranges from arrangements of familiar orchestral pieces to world premieres of contemporary flute choir literature. Performing regularly throughout North Carolina, the ensemble has also been featured at events in Chicago, Orlando, Charleston, and Williamsburg, as well as at the White House.

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

Today’s Flowers and Decorations | The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The interior decorations and the wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

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 Duke Police Department.

Chapel Closes at 1:00 P.M. Today | Duke Chapel will be closing at 1:00 p.m. today, Sunday, January 1, 2023, in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday.

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

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. These classes are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in person in room 0011 Westbrook.

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in person in room 0050 Langford.

Youth Bible Study: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore New Testament letters in person in room 0015 Westbrook.

Adult Bible Study: Adults will explore the gospel of Matthew in room 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom.

Adult Forum: On January 8, Jennifer Wright Knust, Professor of Religious Studies, Duke University will discuss “How do you recognize an ancient Christian when you see one?” in in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom.

Young Adult Youth Gathering | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to dinner and Bible study on Mondays, January 9 and 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen located in the lower level of the Chapel. Come for a light supper and good conversation. The groups will discuss the Letter to the Romans. Please contact laura.wilson@duke.edu for additional information.
The Congregation at Duke University Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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