Today we welcome all who have come for Parents and Family Weekend at Duke. In our service, we will commission our newest Chapel Scholars as they join this Christian community of students seeking to grow in faith and learning. The scripture lessons for today emphasize persistence and determination. Genesis tells the story of Joseph wrestling with God through the night. At the end of the night of struggle, Jacob demanded a blessing and received a new name, even as he came face to face with God and lived. The Gospel lesson from Luke details the story of the persistent widow who sought justice again and again until the judge relented and granted her request. The persistence and determination of both the widow and Jacob mirror God’s persistence and reveal the tenacity of love and faith.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Sonata in C Minor, K. 302 (Andante)  
Domenico Scarlatti  
(1685–1757)

Introit

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes  
Iain Quinn

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

—Psalm 121

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 100

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us  
LAUDA ANIMA

*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:

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: as you inspire us through your word, teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 29 in pew Bibles.

Genesis 32:22–31

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

Psalmody | Chanted responsively; the congregation chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes | to the mountains.
From where does | my help come?
My help is from | ADONAI,
maker of heav- | en and earth.
May He not let | your foot slip;
may the One who guards | you not slumber.
See, He neither slum- | bers nor sleeps,
the guardian of | Israel.
ADONAI | is your guardian;
ADONAI is your shade, at | your right hand.
By day the sun | will not strike you,
nor the | moon by night.
ADONAI guards you from all evil, | guards your life.
ADONAI guards your leaving and your coming,
now and for- | evermore.

—trans. Ellen F. Davis

*All rise as able
New Testament Lesson | NT page 201 in pew Bibles.

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

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

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 76 in pew Bibles.

Luke 18:1–8

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

Sermon

Will He Find Faith on Earth?

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Commissioning of Chapel Scholars | New and current Chapel Scholars gather on the chancel steps, facing the Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of Duke Chapel, and the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of the Chapel.

Dean Powery:  Chapel Scholars walk together on a journey of exploration and formation through relationships and practices that nurture and embody the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual life. This journey includes listening to God among peers and pastors, at work, in Durham, and beyond. Are you ready to meet God and discover more of who God has made you to be?

New Scholars:  We are.

Rev. Puckett:  We thank you, Lord, for the churches that have formed these students, and for the communities on campus that nourish and enrich their faith. Use the ministries of the Chapel to
form these students in your likeness and bless these Chapel Scholars as they listen for your voice and respond to your call, and show them how to find freedom in your service.

New Scholars: Amen.

Dean Powery: Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Walk with us on the way, that we may find your truth and enter your new life.

Congregation: Give us the grace to grow in love and friendship with you and with each other. 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 Anthem

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes                           Leo Sowerby
(1895–1968)
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
   He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

—Psalm 121
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.  

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

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymn on facing page.

Lord of All Hopefulness

Closing Voluntary

Sonata in C Minor, K. 303 (Allegro)  
D. Scarlatti

Carillon

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.
CLOSING HYMN  | Lord of All Hopefulness

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1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
   whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
   your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
   whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
   your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
   your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
   your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
   whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
   your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Ministers**
Bruce Puckett ........................................... *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Racquel Gill ........................................... *Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel*

**Preacher**
Luke A. Powery ........................................... *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

**Lectors**
Sherman Criner ........................................... *Cru; RUF; Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’26*
Riley Fisher ........................................... *Duke Wesley; Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’23*

**Musicians**
Duke Chapel Choir ........................................... *Choir*
Zebulon Highben ........................................... *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Robert Parkins ........................................... *University Organist, Duke University*
Chad Fothergill ........................................... *Interim Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Daniel Jacky ........................................... *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Monica Szabo-Nyeste ........................................... *Soloist*
Mitchell Eithun ........................................... *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

**Head Usher**
James Ferguson ........................................... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

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**Today’s Offering**
All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program. 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**
Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

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**ENGAGE**

**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 Department of Music.
Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Choral Evensong Today | The Chapel’s Choral Evensong worship service will be held today at 4:00 p.m. Evensong is a historic liturgy derived from Vespers and Compline, ancient monastic prayer services of the Christian church. Evensong at the Chapel follows the Book of Common Prayer.

Back Pew Collection | The October Back Pew collection is for the Society of St. Andrew, which gleans crops from local farms for distribution to those in need. Donations may be placed on the back pew today.

Picnic Today | All are invited to attend the Congregation’s Potluck Picnic today, October 16, from 3:30–6:00 p.m. Tacos, water, and games will be provided. Please bring a dish and good cheer to share. The picnic will be held at the Piney Woods Park picnic shelter, 400 E. Woodcroft Parkway, Durham.

Dinner And Bible Study Tomorrow | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to dinner and Bible study on October 17 and 31, 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. This fall, the group will explore the book of Exodus. Please contact laura.wilson@duke.edu for additional information.

Student-Led Groups Sing at the Chapel Next Sunday | Next Sunday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m., two student-led groups will perform in the Chapel. United in Praise is a gospel choir and praise dance ministry; Something Borrowed Something Blue is co-ed Christian a cappella group. Together they will present a concert with free admission.

Shelter Dinner | Volunteers are needed to bring two large cooked lasagnas (such as Stouffer’s party size) to Urban Ministries of Durham, 410 Liberty St., Durham, on Wednesday, October 26, and Sunday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to package meals for distribution. To volunteer, please contact congregation@duke.edu.
**Examen Prayer** | Simple practices can lead to profound impact. This is the case for many who use the Examen Prayer as a simple, five-step daily reflection. The prayer helps individuals recognize God’s presence in the activities of life to discover where God may be leading them and to identify the spiritual growth God desires. All are invited to attend a workshop on “The Examen Prayer: A Daily Reflection on God’s Presence” to be held on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham. Mark Shaw, pastoral assistant for spiritual formation for the Congregation and an experienced spiritual director, will lead the workshop. For detailed information and to register, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

**All Hallows’ Eve and All Saints’ Requiem Eucharist Services** | The Chapel’s All Hallows’ Eve service on Monday, October 31, at 10:30 p.m. is a festival in the church that recalls the faith and witness of those who have carried on and cherished the Christian faith throughout history. The service celebrates the Church’s continuing communion with these men and women and memorializes the recently deceased. It comprises scripture readings, testimonies about saints, and anthems. The next day, Tuesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. there will be an All Saints’ Requiem Eucharist featuring the rarely heard Requiem setting by twentieth-century, French composer Alfred Desenclos.

**You’re Preaching Speaking To The Choir!** | Do you have a burning question for the Duke Chapel Choir? Have you ever wondered how often they practice? What some of their favorite hymns are? Do the robes have pockets? Inquiring minds want to know! Come and hear the stories of our Choir members after worship on October 30th. Meet in the lounge in the lower level of the Chapel for food, drinks, and time for great conversation.

**Organ Recital Nov. 6** | Monica Czausz Berney will give the next performance in the Organ Recital Series on Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m. Berney is the director of music and artistic ministries at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. A first-prize winner in several competitions, she has appeared at significant venues across the United States and has also performed at numerous conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. Her recital program in the Chapel will feature the Flentrop organ. Admission is free.
**Tickets on Sale for Handel’s ‘Messiah’** | Since 1933, G.F. Handel’s *Messiah* has been the fulcrum of the Chapel’s concert life and a cherished Duke holiday tradition. Tickets are now available to the Chapel’s performances of *Messiah* this year on December 2, 3, and 4. To purchase tickets, visit the Duke Box Office website at [tickets.duke.edu](http://tickets.duke.edu).

**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](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) for additional information. Classes are as follows:

- **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 Exodus in person in room 0015 Westbrook.
- **Adult Bible Study**: Adults will meet in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom to discuss the book of Genesis.
- **Adult Forum**: On October 23, The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Professor and Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, will speak on “Lessons At The Well: What the Samaritan Woman Teaches Us About Following Jesus” in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom.
- **New Member Class**: Explore membership in the Congregation in 0014 Westbrook and over Zoom.
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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