Jesus tells a parable in today’s Gospel lesson from Luke. The scene is the temple, where two men are praying. The first man gives thanks to God for his self-perceived superiority over others. He boasts about his righteousness, which is surely great compared to a second man he sees praying. The second man, a tax collector, bows low as he humbly prays for mercy. In the end, Jesus praises the humble sinner and warns that those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

In the epistle reading, the author assumes a humble posture, recognizing and giving thanks to God for the strength that sustained him and the rescue that comes from the Lord.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Te Deum, Op. 59, No. 12  
Max Reger  
(1873–1916)

Greetings and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | See hymn at the end of worship guide.

Before You, Lord, We Bow  
DARWALL’S 148TH

*Prayer 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.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will, we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
New Testament Lesson | NT page 201 in pew Bibles.

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

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

Psalmody

O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be alway praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

—Psalms 84:1–4 and 90:17; Isaac Watts

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 76 in pew Bibles.

Luke 18:9–14

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

Sermon

Scandalous Mercy

*All rise as able
Response
*Response Hymn | UMH 475

Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Guide My Feet arr. Avis D. Graves

Guide my feet while I run this race,
’cause I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race...

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path, and keep my way.
Can’t make a step without you.
I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Be my friend while I run this race...

Stand by me while I run this race...

—trad. spiritual

*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 and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

*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.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side in the front and the back of the Chapel. A gluten-free option is available from a server positioned by Memorial Chapel and a server positioned opposite the attendant’s desk near the narthex. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds arr. Burton Bumgarner

    How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
    It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.
    Dear name! The Rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
    My never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

—John Newton, 1779

Communion Hymn | UMH 614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken FOR THE BREAD

*Post-Communion Prayer
Sending Forth
*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | UMH 664

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

Closing Voluntary

Allegro moderato e serioso (from Sonata I)  Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Luke A. Powery .......................... Dean, Duke University Chapel
Kathryn Lester-Bacon ................ Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Karoline Lewis ............ Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary

Lector
Riley Hamp .................................... Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’25

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
Mitchell Eithun ................. Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel

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

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 | Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.
Today's Guest Preacher | The Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she has taught since 2007. Rev. Dr. Lewis is the author of *A Lay Preacher’s Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon; Embody: Five Steps to Leading With Integrity; SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry; and John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries*, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Her forthcoming book is *Belonging: Five Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple*. She was one of the 100 religious scholars in the United States to participate in the Values and Voices Campaign in 2016 and again in 2021. Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Rev. Dr. Lewis holds degrees from Northwestern University (B.A.), Luther Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University (Ph.D., New Testament Studies and Homiletics). She is the Program Director for the Festival of Homiletics, a contributing writer for Working Preacher, and co-host of the site’s weekly podcast, *Sermon Brainwave*. She leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpretation of the Bible, homiletics, leadership, and women in ministry.

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 Fuqua School of Business.

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.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship Today | The LBGTQ+ Fellowship will meet after worship today from 12:15–1:15 p.m in the Congregation Office, located in the lower level of the Chapel. All are welcome for support, discussion, and advocacy.

Humanitarian Service Award Reception Today | The Chapel is honoring two Durham community leaders who work to feed people in need. Drew Woten, assistant director of Open Table Ministry, and Jacquelyn Blackwell, volunteer executive director of Feed My Sheep of Durham, Inc., are receiving the Chapel’s Humanitarian Service Award. The award will be presented to Woten and Blackwell at a reception today at 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Commons Room in Duke Divinity School. The event is free and open to the public.
**Student-Led Groups Sing Today** | Today 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.

**Window Restoration Work** | Work to restore the Chapel’s stained-glass windows has resumed. This round of work is scheduled to last until mid-November and will be on windows in the main entryway (narthex) and also in Memorial Chapel. Both Memorial Chapel and the crypt will be closed during this time; the front doors and narthex will be unavailable during weekday business hours. While the work is in progress, please enter the Chapel through the side (transept) doors or the door at the top of the ADA ramp facing the Divinity School.

**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., 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.

**Workshop on Prayer This Saturday** | Simple practices can lead to profound impact. This is the case for many who use the Examen Prayer, a 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.

**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 30. Meet in the lounge in the lower level of the Chapel for food, drinks, and time for great conversation.
Guest Preacher Next Sunday | In our Sunday morning service next week, we welcome as our guest preacher Dr. J. Ross Wagner, associate professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School. Specializing in Paul’s letters and in Septuagint studies, Professor Wagner seeks to contribute to the recovery of theological exegesis through careful investigation of the ways scriptural interpretation shaped early Jewish and Christian communities. A United Methodist, his most recent book is Reading the Sealed Book: Old Greek Isaiah and the Problem of Septuagint Hermeneutics.

Choral Evensong Next Sunday | The Chapel’s next Choral Evensong worship service will be held next Sunday, October 30, 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.

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 Eucharist service 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 the twentieth-century French composer Alfred Desenclos.

Opportunities Fair | New and returning volunteers are needed. After worship on Sunday, November 6, plan to stop by the tables outside in front of the Chapel, to discover ways to be involved in the life and ministry of the Congregation and Chapel. Opportunities include participation in service projects, study groups, fellowship events, committee work, and Sunday morning services. Representatives of each volunteer opportunity will be available for conversation.

Organ Recital | 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.
**Jazz Vespers** | The Chapel’s Jazz Vespers on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. combines the liturgical traditions of Vespers with the musical improvisation of jazz. With a theme of thanksgiving, the service is led by Chapel and community ministers. Musical leadership is provided by the John Brown Little Big Band, a professional jazz ensemble specializing in works from the Great American Songbook as well as contemporary arrangements.

**Employee Memorial Service** | Duke Chapel and Duke University Hospital hold an annual service of remembrance for recent and former faculty and staff members who have died in the past year. It includes music, lighting candles, and reading the names of those who have died. This year the half-hour service will be held on Wednesday, November 16, at 3:00 p.m. Please join us in person or online to remember and give thanks for those who have given their work in service of the university community.

**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.

**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. 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 30, Melissa Black, MSW, social worker with International Christian Adoptions, will address the current need for foster care and adoption in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom.
PROCESSIONAL HYMN | Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above and rules the world below with boundless pow’r and love. Our thanks we forth in wisdom’s light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev’ry lieve, obey, rejoice, and worship God alone. Cast down your all its rend-ing tombs send forth a glorious band, a count-less bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing! tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate-ful song, pride, your sin de-plore, and bow be-fore the Cru-ci-fied. throng, with joy to sing to heav’n’s high king sal-va-tion’s song!

2 May ev’ry moun-tain height, each vale and for-est green, shine

3 Earth, hear your mak-er’s voice; your great re-deem-er own; be-

4 And when in pow’r he comes, oh, may then ev’ry land from

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Music: DARWALL’S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789
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ACCESSIBILITY

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