On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk and professor at the University of Wittenberg, posted a list of ninety-five theses for academic debate. By the late 1600s, Lutheran and Reformed churches across Europe were commemorating that event as a turning point in the renewal of the church. At the theological center of the reform movement was the good news that we are not saved by our own merits but by the freely given grace of God through faith in Jesus. We do not trust in human strength, but in Christ, the incarnate Word of God, our foundation, our rock, and our refuge. Conscious of the need for continual renewal—within the church and within our own hearts—we pray that the Holy Spirit would breathe through us today, uniting us in our proclamation of, and witness to, God’s love for the world.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208
(Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit) Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey
arr. Bankson

*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.

*All rise as able
Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Gracious God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 691 in pew Bibles.

Jeremiah 31:31–34

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

Psalmody | Sung by the choir. The congregation joins on the antiphons where indicated.

God Is Our Refuge
Zebulon M. Highben

God is our refuge and our strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in up roar, the kingdoms totter;  
God speaks, the earth melts away.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations God has brought upon the earth;  
who makes war to cease in all the earth;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I am exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

—Psalm 46

New Testament Lesson | NT page 144 in pew Bibles.

Romans 3:19–28

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gospel Lesson* | NT page 95 in pew Bibles.

**John 8:31–36**

**Lector:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

The Truth Will Set You Free

**Response**

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*MELITA arr. Kerstetter*

**Recognition of New Members** | New members stand before the congregation. All worshipers are invited to respond to the questions of faith. We welcome these people as the newest members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel: Dennis and Leslie Donahue, Jeremy and Lindsay Martin, AJ and Bunny McClure.

**Minister:** Do you believe that God has reached out to us with love and forgiveness?

**People:** We do.

**Minister:** Will you seek to grow in faith through participating in worship, study, service, and our life together?

**People:** We will.

**Minister:** Will you strive to embody Christ’s compassion and holiness?

**People:** We will.

**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**

Adagio and Presto (Sonata No. 1 in G minor)  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

**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**

*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**

*Choral Benediction*

Pilgrims’ Hymn  
Stephen Paulus  
(1949–2014)

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages; Amen.

—Michael Dennis Browne

*Benediction*

*Closing Hymn | UMH 110*

| A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | EIN FESTE BURG |

*Closing Voluntary*

|| Improvisation on EIN FESTE BURG |

| Carillon |

---

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Ministers**
Luke A. Powery .................................................. *Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Carol Gregg ...................................................... *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**Preacher**
Ross Wagner ...................................................... *Associate Professor of New Testament, Duke Divinity School*

**Lector**
Carter Cribbs .................................................... *Chapel Scholar, Trinity’25*
Ella Taylor ......................................................... *Chapel Scholar, Pratt’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*
Paul Neebe ......................................................... *Trumpet, Amalgam Brass*
Don Eagle .......................................................... *Trumpet, Amalgam Brass*
Chris Caudill ...................................................... *Horn, Amalgam Brass*
Mike Kris ............................................................. *Trombone, Amalgam Brass*
Steve Truckenbrod .................................................. *Tuba, Amalgam Brass*
Eric Pritchard ........................................ Violin
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 be used to support mission trips sent out from the Chapel. 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** | Dr. J. Ross Wagner is an 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. His publications include *Heralds of the Good News: Paul and Isaiah in Concert in the Letter to the Romans*, *Between Gospel and Election: Explorations in the Interpretation of Romans 9–11* (co-edited with Florian Wilk) and, most recently, *Reading the Sealed Book: Old Greek Isaiah and the Problem of Septuagint Hermeneutics*. His current project, a book-length treatment of the Old Testament in the New, aims to show that theological reflection on the meaning of Jesus’ life has, from the very beginning, required Christian interpreters to wrestle with the textual and linguistic plurality of the scriptures in their witness to God’s actions in Jesus the Messiah. An Anglican priest, he serves as volunteer clergy at All Saints Church in Durham and takes an active part in the Divinity School’s Anglican-Episcopal House of Studies.

---

**ENGAGE**

**New Members** | Please welcome the following new members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel: Dennis and Leslie Donahue, Jeremy and Lindsay Martin, AJ and Bunny McClure.

**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 Economics.
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.

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 is on windows in the main entryway (narthex) and also in Memorial Chapel. Both Memorial Chapel and the crypt are closed during this time; the front doors and narthex are 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.

You’re Preaching Speaking To The Choir! | All are invited to stay after worship today to talk to choir members. Come to the the Chapel Lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel for food, drinks, and good conversation.

Choral Evensong Today | Today at 4:00 p.m., the Chapel will hold a service of Choral Evensong, a historic liturgy derived from Vespers and Compline, ancient monastic prayer services of the Christian church. Following the Book of Common Prayer, the liturgy draws upon stirring choral and organ music of the English cathedral tradition, led by the Chapel’s Evensong Singers.

All Hallows’ Eve Service Tomorrow | The Chapel’s All Hallows’ Eve service tomorrow, 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. To access a free parking pass for the service, see the event listing for the service on the Chapel website.

All Saints’ Requiem Eucharist | This Tuesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m., the Chapel’s All Saints’ Requiem Eucharist will include a rarely heard Requiem setting by twentieth-century French composer Alfred Desenclos. His Messe de Requiem, published in 1967, mingles elements of Gregorian chant with rich, impressionistic harmonies—some showing jazz influences. The work draws heavily on its adventurous choral writing, and on the kaleidoscopic colors of the organ accompaniment, to create a moving and memorable setting of the Requiem Mass. The Chapel’s Vespers Ensemble and Evensong Singers will sing the composition, accompanied by Chapel Organ Scholar Daniel Jacky.
Opportunities Fair | New and returning volunteers are needed. After worship next 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 next Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m. Berney is the interim director of music at St. Paul’s Parish, K Street, in Washington, D.C. 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.

Guest Preacher Nov. 13 | In the Sunday morning worship service on November 13, we will welcome as our guest preacher Lisa Sharon Harper. She is the founder and president of Freedom Road, a consulting group that crafts experiences that bring common understanding and common commitments that lead to common action toward a more just world. Harper is the author of several books, including *Evangelical Does Not Equal Republican...or Democrat; Left, Right, and Christ: Evangelical Faith in Politics; Forgive Us: Confessions of a Compromised Faith*. Her book *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right* was named 2016 “Book of the Year” by Englewood Review of Books. Her latest book is *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family And The World—And How To Repair It All*.

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.
1. My hope is built on nothing less
2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,

than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I rest on his unchanging grace;
sustain me in the raging flood;
oh, may I then in him be found;

no merit of my own I claim,
in every high and stormy gale
when all supports are washed away,
clothed in his righteousness alone,

but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
my anchor holds within the veil.
he then is all my hope and stay.
redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
ACCESSIBILITY

Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

The Congregation at Duke Chapel

chapel.duke.edu 919-681-9488
congregation.chapel.duke.edu 919-684-3917

401 Chapel Drive
Campus Box 90974
Durham, NC 27708

dukechapel@duke.edu

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.

Please email congregation@duke.edu to receive the weekly eNews.