

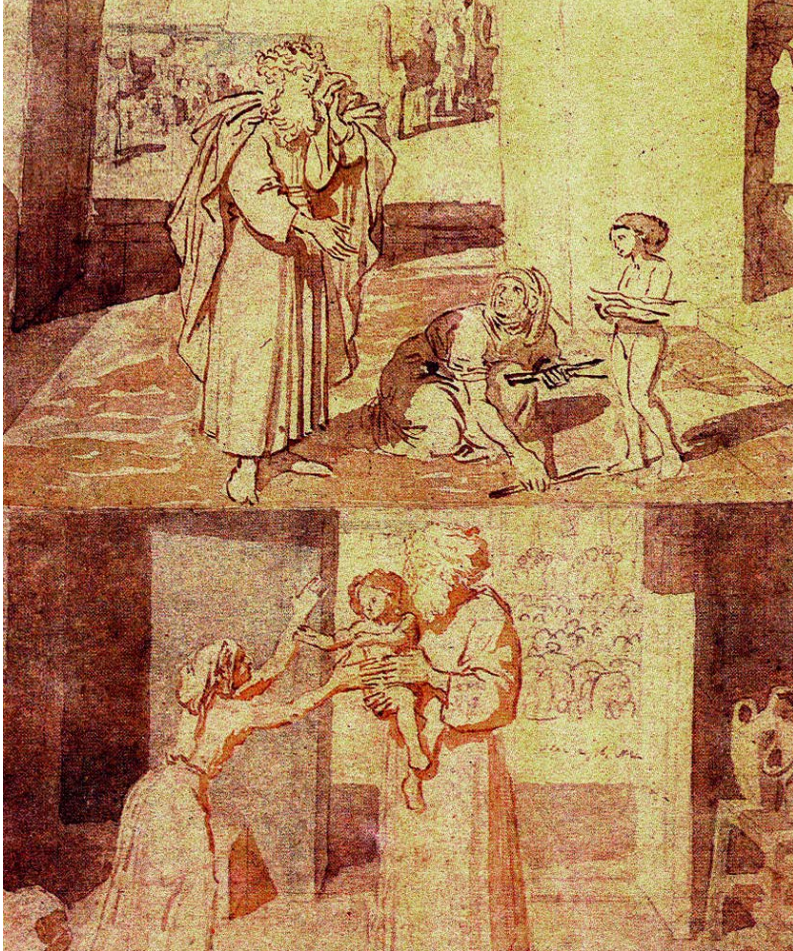


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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 10, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Aleksandr Andreevich Ivanov, *Elijah and the widow of Zarephath*, ca. 1850.

Today's scripture lessons emphasize the theme of faithfulness. The lesson from 1 Kings tells of a widow who in a time of drought and famine gives of the little she has to provide for God's prophet Elijah. Her faithfulness is rewarded by her food supply never running out. The writer of Hebrews recalls Jesus's faithful self-sacrifice, once for all, for the removal of sins. In Mark, Jesus has harsh words for those religious leaders who enjoy the facade of faithful living without the cost of genuine obedience. Jesus then points to the virtue of a poor widow whose faithfulness is revealed in her giving a few copper coins despite her lack of resources.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Tiento de 4º tono [“a modo de canción”]

Francisco Correa de Arauxo
(1584–1654)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*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:

Heavenly Father, where we believe we are rich, show us our poverty, and where we believe we are poor, show us your riches. Turn now our hearts toward you as you illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Kings 17: 8–16

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalm 146

Halelu-Yah!

Praise ADONAI, O my soul!

Let me praise ADONAI while I live,
make melody to my God as long as I endure.

Do not trust in the powerful, nor any human;
Salvation is not theirs.

Their breath returns to their home soil;
on that very day their thoughts disappear.

It is well with those who have the God of Jacob as their help,
whose hope is set on ADONAI their God,
maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them,
the One who keeps faith forever;

who does justice for the oppressed, gives bread to the hungry;
ADONAI sets prisoners free.

ADONAI opens the eyes of the blind, raises up those bent low;
ADONAI loves the righteous.

ADONAI protects sojourners, sustains orphan and widow,
but twists the way of the wicked.

ADONAI will reign forever; your God, O Zion, generation after generation.
Halelu-Yah!

—*Translated by Ellen F. Davis*

Hebrews 9:24–28

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Tu pauperum refugium

Josquin Desprez
(d. 1521)

Tu pauperum refugium, tu languorum remedium,
spes exsulum, fortitudo laborantium,
via errantium, veritas et vita.

Et nunc Redemptor, Domine, ad te solum confugio;
te verum Deum adoro, in te spero,
in te confido, salus mea, Jesu Christe.

Adjuva me, ne unquam obdormiat in morte anima mea.

*You are the refuge of the poor, relief for the weak,
hope of exiles, strength of laborers,
the way for the wayward, the truth and the life.
And now, Redeemer, Lord, in you alone I take refuge;
I adore you, true God, I hope in you;
in you I confide, my salvation, Jesus Christ.
Help me, that my soul not sleep in death.*

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 46–47 in pew Bibles.

Mark 12:38–44

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Wondering about Widows

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 157

Jesus Shall Reign

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*Apostles' Creed

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 Anthem

The Promise of Living (*The Tender Land*)

Aaron Copland
(1900–1990)

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving
is born of our loving our friends and our labor.
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing
is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.
The promise of living, the promise of growing
is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

For many a year we've known these fields
and known all the work that makes them yield,
are you ready to lend a hand?
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.
By working together we'll bring in the harvest, the blessings of harvest.

We plant each row with seeds of grain,
and Providence sends us the sun and the rain,

by lending a hand, by lending an arm
bring in from the land, bring out from the farm,
bring out the blessings of harvest.

Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain,
give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain,
O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord for his blessing.

O let us sing our song, and let our song be heard.
Let's sing our song with our hearts, and find a promise in that song.

The promise of ending in right understanding
is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.

The promise of living, the promise of growing,
the promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving.

—*Horace Everett*

*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

The Spirit of the Lord

Zebulon M. Highben

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.

—*Text: Isaiah 11:2 and Psalm 72:18, adapt.*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 102

Now Thank We All Our God

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Postlude

Improvisation

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following the postlude, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel; worship guides for the service are available near the entrance. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Racquel Gill *Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel*
Lynn Holmes *Interim Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Preacher

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Daniel Amos *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '25*
Andres Valdiri *Chapel Scholar; UNC-Chapel Hill '27*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Robert Parkins *University Organist, Duke University*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
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 the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Chapel Endowment.

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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 Health, Wellness, and Physical Education.

Back Pew Collection for November | Meals on Wheels (MOW) of Durham partners with the Congregation at Duke Chapel in providing free or low-cost meals for seniors in Durham. In addition to food, MOW provides food for cats and dogs. Another added service is the delivery of nutritional supplements for which the agency depends on donations to provide. Please consider making a donation on the back pew of any type of cat or dog food or any flavor of ENSURE or GLUCERMA for Meals on Wheels.

Organ Recital | In his organ recital today at 5:00 p.m., Stefan Engels will perform works by J. S. Bach, Robert Schumann, and Sigfrid Karg-Elert on the Chapel's Flentrop and Aeolian organs. Professor of Organ at Southern Methodist University, Engels held previous faculty positions at Westminster Choir College and the University of Music and Performing Arts "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" in Leipzig. A specialist in the music of Karg-Elert, Prof. Engels has recorded the prolific German romantic composer's complete organ works, reviewed to international critical acclaim. Admission is free.

Duke Chapel Student Ambassadors | Duke Chapel Student Ambassadors extend the legacy and share the wonder of the Chapel—the place, the people, the program—to the broader Duke and Durham community through special event support and custom tours and programs. All first-years to juniors are invited to apply; the priority deadline is Sunday, November 17. Applicants need not be connected to any Chapel program or affiliated group. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/DCSA.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship | The Congregation at Duke Chapel invites members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies to attend the monthly fellowship gathering on the third Sunday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, and by Zoom. The next meeting will take place on November 17th. For more information or the Zoom link, please email the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu.

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Jazz Vespers | Over the past ten years, Jazz Vespers worship services have become a beloved tradition at Duke Chapel. The services combine the ancient Christian tradition of evening vespers services with the aural idioms of Black sacred music, including jazz, gospel, and the spirituals. Sing, rest, pray, and celebrate at the next Jazz Vespers with the John Brown “Little” Big Band this Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrating Duke’s Faith Communities | “We Believe” is a vibrant, two-day celebration of Duke’s diverse faith communities, bringing together voices, traditions, and ideas from across campus. Join in a journey of reflection and connection with keynote speaker Dr. Simran Jeet Singh, executive director of the Aspen Institute’s Religion & Society Program and author of *The Light We Give*. Explore more through featured events like Circle Singing with Mike Goldstein of Gaia Music Collective, late-night Chapel tower climbs with Religious Life at Duke, and dialogues on feasting, fasting, and farming with Justine Post of RAFL. Come experience a unique blend of cultural exchange, music, and community during this series of events at Duke on November 17 and 18. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/webelieve.

Workshop for Students with Poet Pádraig Ó Tuama | The opening words of stories often know more than we think the opening words know. In a workshop titled “‘In the Beginning’—Stories About the Start,” the Irish Poet Pádraig Ó Tuama will engage participants in writing and sharing exercises, considering some of the opening lines of great literary works and some of the opening lines of our own selves. This workshop on Monday, November 18, at 4:30 p.m. in 0015 Westbrook is free for students who register while space is available. Learn more and register at chapel.duke.edu/fewtickets.

An Evening with Irish Poet Pádraig Ó Tuama | The Irish poet and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama is the featured speaker for a public conversation and poetry reading on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Duke University Chapel. The host of the popular podcast *Poetry Unbound*, Ó Tuama will discuss “Poetry, Prayer, and Public Healing” for Duke Chapel’s 2024 William Preston Few Lecture. Working at the intersection of poetry, theology, and conflict resolution, Ó Tuama is the author of eight books that range from memoir to poetry to devotional guide—often blending all three genres. Visit chapel.duke.edu/fewtickets to reserve a free ticket.

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Duke Chapel Choir Wins Top Place in National Competition | The Duke University Chapel Choir was selected for a third-place award in The American Prize for Choral Performance (Community Division). The American Prize is designed to recognize and reward the best-performing artists, directors, ensembles, and composers in the United States at professional, university, community, and high school levels. The Duke Chapel Choir entered the national competition for the first time this year and was the only church or chapel choir selected for a top place in their division.

Service of Remembrance: Honoring Deceased Employees | Duke Chapel and Duke Hospital Bereavement Services will hold a service of remembrance for recent and former faculty and staff members who have died in the past year. This half-hour service on Wednesday, November 20, at 3:00 p.m. is held in the Chapel's main sanctuary (nave) and includes music, candle lighting, and honoring those who have died.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages 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. Contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

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

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4–1st grade in 0054 Langford

Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford

Youth Program: Youth will explore a survey of the Old Testament in 0015 Westbrook

Adult Bible Study: Study of the book of Malachi in 0013 and over Zoom

Adult Forum: Next Sunday, Bishop Will Willimon, former Dean of Duke University Chapel, will discuss “The Same-Sex Union Decision at Duke Chapel, ministry to, with, and for LGBTQ Christians”

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. 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 very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.



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