



Duke  
UNIVERSITY  
CHAPEL

# Service of Worship

Christmas Day  
December 25, 2016  
Eleven o'clock in the morning

∞ Bridging Faith and Learning ∞

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*"Adoration of the Child," by Gerrit van Honthorst (1590–1656)*

This morning we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, who was born on earth as the incarnate Christ-child, fully God and fully human. The Scriptures announce God's decisive action in the world: sending Jesus to be our Savior, and sharing in the fullness of our human lives as Emmanuel—God with us. Because on Christmas we celebrate that God came to dwell among the people, all of today's service will take place from the crossing in the nave, among the people.

*The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.*

## GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 608

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234 (*found in the hymnals located in the pew racks*)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

\*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.)*

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: touch our hearts by the illumination of your word; in your holy name we pray, amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 62:6–12 (*OT page 651*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 234

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

\*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:1–20 (*NT page 54–55*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—For Unto *You*

RESPONSE HYMN 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

## RESPONSE

### \*THE 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: "Hear our prayer.")*

### HYMN 248

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

*There will be no offering taken today, as we celebrate the birth of God's greatest gift to us—our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is an alms box opposite the attendant's desk at the front of the Chapel for those who wish to give.*

### \*DOXOLOGY

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*(Repeat refrain as needed.)*

## SENDING FORTH

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

### POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach

### CARILLON

*\*All who are able may stand.*

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## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg The Rev. Andrew Phillips
Preacher	The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Lectors	Ms. Renee Puckett Dr. James Ferguson <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Ms. Sarah Gauger <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Dr. Soren Palmer <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Organist	Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Memorial Chapel Communion	The Rev. Andrew Phillips
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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## CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TODAY'S FLOWERS—ABOUT THE SERVICE—The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel and the interior decorations are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

CARILLON RECITAL TODAY—At 4 p.m., Mr. J. Samuel Hammond, University Carillonneur, will play a selection of Christmas music.



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