In today’s Gospel reading we see a twelve year old Jesus become separated from his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. When asked where he was, Jesus replies that he was in his Father’s house—astonishing those who heard him asking questions of the teachers in the Temple at Jerusalem. We are given insight into how Jesus grew up, fully God and fully human, as he increased in wisdom and in years. This has parallels to the story of the prophet Samuel, who was dedicated to God by his parents, and who ministered to the Lord from a very young age. In Colossians, Paul teaches the church how to live in love, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God our Father through him.
During the prelude the congregation is asked to remain prayerfully or meditatively silent. The Chapel welcomes families with children; if at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please utilize the nursery in the Box Office on the second floor of Page.

GATHERING

PRELUDE
Fantasia  
Johann Pachelbel  
(1653–1706)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
GLORIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.  

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE  
(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)  
God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: as your word is read and proclaimed, gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM
Carol of the Bells
The Holly and The Ivy

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Colossians 3:12–17
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:41–52
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—A Slow Story

RESPONSE
*RESPONSE HYMN 219
What Child Is This

*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.”)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Three French Christmas Carols

*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, Alleluia.
THANKSGIVING

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

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, for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 224
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Postlude
Praeludium and Fuge in C major Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1708)

*All who are able may stand.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

This morning we give thanks for the Department of Physics. We celebrate its study of matter, energy, space, and time, which informs our understanding of the universe and affects many dimensions of our common life.

In Durham, we lift up children and families of those who are incarcerated, and we remember any in need of support during the imprisonment of a loved one.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers The Rev. McKennon Shea Mr. Jack Adams
Preacher The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Lectors Ms. Leisa Dennehy Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel Mr. Soren Palmer Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Chapel Organ Scholar Mr. Eric Surber
Guest Musicians Amalgam Brass
Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion The Rev. McKennon Shea
Head Ushers Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
**Today's Flowers**—The red poinsettias that adorn the stage are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

**Today's Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grantmaking process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**Bibles**—As pew Bibles are not available during this year of transition, please do feel free to bring your own print or electronic version to worship.

**Greeting the Preacher**—Our preacher this morning will be available to greet after the service, up the stairs in the main lobby of Page.

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**Worship Opportunities Each Week at Duke Chapel**

**Choral Evensong**—Resumes Sunday, January 10, at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

**Online Mid-Week Prayer**—Resumes Wednesday, January 6, at noon via periscope.tv/dukechapel

**Choral Vespers**—Resumes Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

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**For Worshipers and Visitors**

† Prayer requests may be emailed to chapel-prayers@duke.edu.
† Tours of Duke Chapel are suspended until the nave re-opens.
† Hearing assistance units are available in the lobby of Page Auditorium. See the attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print bulletins for the worship service.

**For Families and Children**

† Children 4 and younger are invited to the nursery located in the Page box office, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Capacity is limited. Parents are welcome to feed or change infants; pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship.
† Children’s Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3-6 and 7-12, and worship bags for ages 5 and under, are available in the upstairs entryway of Page. Please return bags and clipboards at the end of the service.

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*We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.*
1. Angels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o’er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see Christ whose birth the an-gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid, whom the choirs of an-gels praise;

and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.
What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heav-en-ly song?
come, a-dore on bend-ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
Ma-ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

Glo - ria,
in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo -
ria, in excelsis Deo!
What Child Is This

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts en-throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody
GREENSLEEVES 87.87 with Refrain
1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!

Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest for evermore.
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and all to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ is born today, Christ is born today!
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

WORDS: 14th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1855
MUSIC: German melody; harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Sunday Christian Education Classes—Classes will resume next Sunday, January 3, in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time:

**Wee Praise:** Ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

**Godly Play:** Ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.

**Youth Sunday School:** For 6th-12th graders in 0013 Westbrook.

**Adult Forum:** Next Sunday, Rev. Dr. S. Brian Stratton, Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Alma College, will present “Happy New Universe! Mythic and Scientific Cosmogonies” in 0015 Westbrook.

Pizza Lunch for Youth—Youth and their families are invited to welcome Andrew Phillips as the Congregation’s Assistant Pastor on Sunday, January 3, at a pizza lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. Families are asked to bring a dish or beverage to share and an item that is important to the youth. The lunch will be held in the Congregation office at Northgate Mall.

Book Discussion—All are invited to attend a discussion of the book *Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results*, on Wednesday, January 6 (chapters 1-5) and Wednesday, February 3 (chapters 6-9). The discussions will be held at noon at the PathWays House located at 713 Kent St., Durham. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch.

Back Pew Collection—Durham Crisis Response Center works to end domestic and sexual violence. The Center is currently in need of bath towels, hand towels, pillows, twin bed sheets, cleaning supplies, shampoo, lotions, and toothpaste. These are given to shelter residents as they leave to set up a new home. The Mission Committee will be collecting these household items on Sundays January 10 and 17 in the lower level lobby of Page Auditorium. Donations may be new or gently used.

January Service Project—The Saturday Service Project in January will benefit the Durham Crisis Response Center, which works to end domestic and sexual violence. Volunteers are needed on January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon to organize supplies for shelter residents. To volunteer for this or other Saturday Service Projects contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

Habitat Build—This Spring, the Congregation and Duke Chapel community will partner with the Duke Office of Durham and Regional Affairs, the Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership, and the Duke Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to sponsor and build a Habitat home. The kickoff celebration, a time to bless the build and share a meal, will be Saturday, January 30, at 11:30 a.m. To be involved in this project, contact Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.
Cleaning the Stained Glass inside Duke University Chapel. Please continue to pray for the Chapel and all those working on its restoration. Photo Credit: Ray Walker, Duke Facilities architect/project manager.

Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Epiphany—Next week we will celebrate Holy Communion for Epiphany Sunday, as we remember the coming of the Magi to worship Jesus.

Guest Musicians—We will be welcoming the Raleigh Flute Choir.

Preacher—The preacher next Sunday morning will be the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go towards the Chapel Development Fund.
Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to write a prayer request in the space below and please place it in the offering plate. It will be offered up to God in confidence by the Chapel team this week.