With the birth of the infant Jesus, we are invited to place our hope in a future that is claimed and redeemed by God. Isaiah speaks of being clothed in garments of salvation, echoing the image of a wedding garment, which brings to mind great celebration. Galatians emphasizes the adoption we experience through Christ, in which we no longer experience being slaves of the law, but instead we know the joy of being beloved children of God. In Luke, Simeon and Anna are both prophets who sense the promise and hope of the infant Jesus for the redemption of Israel.
At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent 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

I Wonder as I Wander
John Jacob Niles
(1892–1980)
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

Christmas Exultations
arr. Catherine McMichael
(b. 1954)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

O Come, All Ye Faithful
John Francis Wade
(1711–1786)

Joy to the World
George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

A Renaissance Noel
Good King Wenceslas
What Child is This

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PROCESSION: HYMN 238
Angels We Have Heard on High

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
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—Isaiah 61:10–62:3
(OT pages 650–51 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish Carol
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce (b. 1945)

New Testament Lesson—Galatians 4:4–7 (NT page 178)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 219 (stanza 1)
What Child Is This
Greensleeves
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

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

*Gradual Hymn (stanzas 2–3)
What Child Is This
Greensleeves

Sermon—Are We There Yet?

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.”)

Offertory
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

*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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Procession: Hymn 224
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Organ Postlude
In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Lectors
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Guest Musicians
The Raleigh Flute Choir

Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

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Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond


**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Advent Wreath and Decorations**—The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The interior decorations and the wreaths on either side 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 grant-making process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**About Today’s Guest Musicians**—The Raleigh Flute Choir, a chamber ensemble of professional flutists from central North Carolina, was founded in 1986 and has distinguished itself as one of the nation’s leading flute choirs. Utilizing all members of the flute family, the ensemble seeks to entertain and educate by performing transcriptions and original works from the Renaissance to the present. The choir has appeared in a variety of venues, past highlights of which include concerts at the Biltmore Estate, Colonial Williamsburg, Piccolo Spoleto, and the White House.

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education**—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes include:

- *Wee Praise* for infants through children age 3 with parents or caregivers in 0014 Westbrook
- *Godly Play* for 4-year olds through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- *Youth Sunday School* for youth in 6th–12th grades in 0013 Westbrook
- *Adult Bible Study* focused on the theme of hope in 0011 Westbrook
- *Adult Forum*: Diverse presentations on a wide range of topics in 0012 Westbrook.

**Coffee and Cookies Today**—All are invited to remain after worship today for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level. Enjoy the season with friends new and old!

**Back Pew Collection**—On Sundays, January 11 and 18, donations of new or gentled-used tents, blankets and tarps will be collected in the back pew. Donations will be distributed by Open Table Ministries to the homeless who live in various wooded areas of Durham.

**Let Us Know**—If you or a loved one is in need of prayer or a pastoral visit, please let the Congregation pastors know by contacting the office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu.
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. If you would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.