The scripture lessons for the first Sunday of Christmas open with the phrase “I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord”—a fitting passage to acknowledge God’s overflowing kindness in the gift of his son Jesus. The author of Hebrews points to the ways in which Jesus identifies with us in our humanity. In the words of early church historian Irenaeus, “He became what we are, that we might become what he is.” The lesson from Matthew shows that Jesus’ suffering began early. As King Herod seeks to kill the children of Israel, Jesus becomes a child refugee and his family is forced from their homeland out of fear.
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.

**Gathering**

**Carillon**

**Flute Prelude**

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
  15th-century French Plainsong  
  arr. Ann Cameron Pearce  
  (b. 1945)

- A Christmas Overture  
  arr. Bill Holcombe  
  (1924-2010)

- Alleluia (from *Exsultate, Jubilate*)  
  Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
  (1756-1791)  
  arr. Pearce

- Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella  
  French Carol  
  arr. Catherine McMichael  
  (b. 1954)

- Still, Still, Still  
  Austrian Carol  
  arr. McMichael

**Greeting and Announcements**

*Processional Hymn 220*  
Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Regent Square

*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 63:7-9 (OT page 652 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Flute Anthem
Wexford Carol (Traditional Irish Carol) arr. Pearce

New Testament Lesson—Hebrews 2:10-18 (NT page 205)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 242 (stanza 1)
Love Came Down at Christmas (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 2:13-23 (NT page 2)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 242 (stanzas 2-3)
Love Came Down at Christmas

Sermon—Post-Party Presence

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; 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.”)

Flute Offertory
He Shall Feed His Flock (from Messiah)  George Frideric Handel  
(1685-1759)
arr. Pearce

*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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 224
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
In dulci jubilo

Postlude
Acclamations (from Suite médiévale)  
Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

Ministry of Worship

Presiding Minister  The Rev. Brad Troxell
Preacher  The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
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Guest Musicians  The Raleigh Flute Choir
Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion  The Rev. Brad Troxell
Head Ushers  Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur  Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S FLOWERS**—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.

**TODAY’S OFFERING**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to underwrite the costs for undergraduate students going on the Chapel’s Spring Break mission trips. Duke Chapel PathWays provides mission trip opportunities for students who are interested in spending their Spring Break in service and reflection. Most recently, Chapel staff led student trips to Costa Rica, Honduras, and New Mexico.

**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. Appearing in a variety of venues, past highlights include concerts at Biltmore Estate, Colonial Williamsburg, Piccolo Spoleto, and the White House.

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**THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL**

**eNEWS**—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing programs and events of the Congregation. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Christian education classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 5. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook Building in the Divinity School. In addition, Bible studies and discussion groups for adults meet throughout the week. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu for more information.

**ADULT FORUM**—On Sunday, January 5, Dr. Hans J. Hillerbrand, Professor Emeritus of Religion and Germanic Languages and Literature, will present “Martin Luther and the Jews.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**EPHESYAN LUNCH**—All are welcome to the Congregation’s Epiphany lunch on Sunday, January 5, after worship in the Chapel lounge. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided, but please feel free to bring a salad or dessert. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Judy Arneson 919-968-7822.
For Families & Children
† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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.

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