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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11, 2022, 11:00 a.m.



Henry Ossawa Tanner, *Annunciation*, 1898.

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we hear Mary's joyful song of praise—the Magnificat—as she extols God's goodness in choosing her for the greatest of purposes despite her lowly status. Her response reminds us of the importance of song in the life of faith. In his letter, James encourages his readers to be faithful as they patiently await the coming of the Lord, even through suffering and trial. Just as the farmer awaits the rain to produce the precious crop, so too James calls those to whom he writes to wait for the Lord, the coming Judge of the world.

Gathering

Carillon

Choral Prelude

The Bells John Leavitt

Swing Down, Chariot arr. André Thomas

Bonse Aba arr. Andrew Fischer
Translation: All who sing have the right to be called children of God.

The First Noel arr. Ken Berg

Greeting and Call to Worship

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 623–624 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 35:1–10

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Processional Hymn | UMH 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom; we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*All rise as able

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

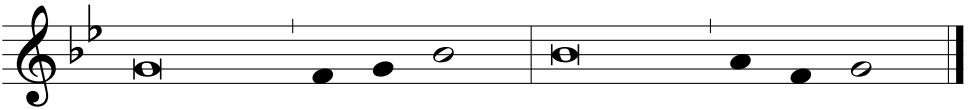
Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by your grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalmody | Sung in dialogue between cantor and congregation;
the congregation chants the second half of each verse.

Psalm 146:5–10



It is well with those who have the God of Jacob | as their help,
whose hope is set on ADO- | NAI 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 the | pris'ners free.
ADONAI opens the eyes of the blind, raises up | those bent low;
ADONAI | loves the righteous.
ADONAI protects sojourners, sustains or- | phan and widow,
but twists the way | of the wicked.
ADONAI will reign forever; your God, O Zion,
generation after | generation.
Ha- | lelu-Yah!

—*trans. Ellen F. Davis*

New Testament Lesson | NT page 217 in pew Bibles.

James 5:7–11

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

—*George Matheson (1842–1906)*

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 53–54 in pew Bibles.

Luke: 1:46b–55

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Living on a Promise

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 187

Rise, Shine, You People

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*Advent Creed

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator;
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

—*Lisa Frenz*

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 | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

Ukrainian Bell Carol

Mykola Leontovych
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells,
all seem to say, throw cares away;
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer,
To young and old, meek and the bold.
Ding dong, ding dong, that is their song,
with joyful ring all caroling.

One seems to hear words of good cheer
from everywhere filling the air.
Oh how they pound, raising the sound,
O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring, while people sing
songs of good cheer: Christmas is here.

Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas,
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas.
On on they send, on without end,
Their joyful tone to every home.
Ding dong, ding dong!

—P.J. Wilbousky

*Doxology

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to God the Son, our King,
praise to God the Spir-it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: ...And so, we praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Hail, hos - an - na, Lord of light! Bless-ed be the com - ing
 Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

Minister: ...great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

Minister: ...All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

*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.**

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side in the front and the back of the Chapel. A gluten-free option is available from a server positioned by Memorial Chapel and a server positioned opposite the attendant's desk near the narthex. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

Magnificat noni toni

Samuel Scheidt
(1587–1654)

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Sending Forth

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn** | UMH 200

Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

Closing Voluntary

Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c. 1637–1707)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Carol Gregg *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Kathryn Lester-Bacon *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Drew Middleton *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Emilee Ogden *Pastoral Intern, Congregation at Duke Chapel; Divinity '25*

Musicians

Raleigh Youth Choir	Guest Choir
Jeremy Tucker	Artistic Director, Raleigh Youth Choir
Aaron Brown	Assistant Music Director, Raleigh Youth Choir
Jennifer Wolfe	Accompanist, Raleigh Youth Choir
Chad Fothergill	Interim Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Daniel Jacky	Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel
Kirsten Overdahl	Cantor
Mitchell Eithun	Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel

Head Usher

James Ferguson	Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
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Today's Music | Raleigh Youth Choir (RYC) educates youth in the art and joy of singing through quality instruction and performances. We currently have six choirs that serve all singers and experience levels from kindergarten through twelfth grade through weekly rehearsals in downtown Raleigh. At RYC, we offer each young person a unique experience. Our instructors meet every singer exactly where they are and provide specialized instruction, all while providing mentorship and encouragement. Every youth has a voice, and those voices are valued. RYC goes beyond learning vocal techniques and participating in public performances. We instill a love for music in the youth we serve while building a caring and compassionate community in which all can thrive. Singers of all ages learn invaluable life skills that set them up for success in their future endeavors—confidence, accountability, openness, and self-discipline. For more information, visit www.raleighyouthchoir.org.

Today's Offering | All of today's checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today's Flowers | Flowers for today's worship service are given to the glory of God by the generosity of the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Advent Confession: from the *Book of Common Worship*, published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Advent Creed: Lisa Frenz, from *Word of God Come Be With Us: An Advent Order for Holy Communion*; © Lisa Frenz; all rights reserved; used with permission. Doxology: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, attr. Johann Walter (1496–1570), *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein* (1524). *Psalm 146*: Translation by Ellen F. Davis, © 2022; used with permission.

Our Advent Pattern of Worship | The prophecies of Isaiah heard across the four Sundays of Advent in this lectionary cycle (Year A) are proclaimed to a waiting people. Placement of these powerful readings at the start of the liturgy foregrounds their pronouncements of radical justice and peace. Just as we expectantly watch doors while waiting for deliveries, guests, or loved ones, we hear Isaiah's prophecies proclaimed at a physical threshold—that liminal space between the gathered assembly and the world that awaits the fulfillment of God's covenants.

ENGAGE

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 Political Science.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Attendance Pad | This morning, worshipers are invited to indicate their presence using the attendance pad located on the pews at the center aisle. The purpose of this is to help the Chapel and Congregation better understand who worships with us on Sunday mornings. In addition, this registration will allow those who share a pew to greet each other by name.

Christmas Cookie Fellowship | Plan to stay after worship today for a Christmas Cookie Extravaganza in the Chapel lounge, located on the lower level. All are invited to enjoy holiday cheer with other worshipers.

Choral Evensong Today | This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the Chapel will hold a service of Choral Evensong. Following the *Book of Common Prayer*, the liturgy draws upon stirring choral and organ music of the English cathedral tradition, led by the Chapel's Evensong Singers.

Young Adult Gathering | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to dinner and Bible study tomorrow evening, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Come for a light supper and good conversation. This fall, the group will explore the Book of Exodus. Please contact laura.wilson@duke.edu for additional information.

Back Pew Collection | When the birth of a baby is anticipated, families stock up on diapers. This Advent, in anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus, please help the Diaper Bank of North Carolina replenish their stores. The Diaper Bank provides these necessary items to families living in poverty. Please bring diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults and/or feminine hygiene products to the back pew today and next Sunday, December 18.

ENGAGE

Zoe Empowers Gift Market | Christmas gifts can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. After worship today and next Sunday, December 18, there will be an alternative gift market for Zoe Empowers, a global mission partner that empowers vulnerable children to move out of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark telling the recipient that a gift that matters is empowering a child in Africa. Please stop by the table in the narthex following worship or contact congregation@duke.edu for online options.

Christmas Open House | The annual “Duke Chapel by Candlelight: Christmas Open House” will be this Wednesday, December 14, from 12-noon to 2:00 p.m. It’s a chance to see the splendor of the Chapel decorated for the Christmas season. Take in the sights, and listen to music for Advent and Christmas! Admission is free, and free parking is available for the event in the Bryan Center Garage.

Christmas Eve Services | The Chapel will hold Christmas Eve services at 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m. We will also have a Christmas Day service at 11:00 a.m. For details, see chapel.duke.edu/christmas.

Urban Ministries Dinners | Please help feed our unsheltered neighbors at Urban Ministries this holiday season. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to volunteer to bring two party-sized Stouffer’s lasagnas to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St., Durham, at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, and Sunday, January 8.

Growing Thru Grief | The holiday season can be particularly difficult for those who have recently lost a loved one. Growing Thru Grief offers small-group support to those who are grieving. The meetings are held on Tuesdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 4:15 p.m. Meetings are held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis Rd., in Durham. For more details, please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org. Growing Thru Grief is supported by a coalition of area congregations, including the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. 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 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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