



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



Visitation of Mary
Jacopo da Pontormo, 1494–1556

Today's scripture lessons focus on the anticipation and surprise of the Advent season. The reading from Micah reveals that the small town of Bethlehem will be the birthplace of a faithful and righteous ruler. The lesson from Hebrews tells of the coming of this ruler, Jesus, the one who comes to fulfill the will of God and sanctify all who believe by his own sacrifice. Luke tells the story of Mary and Elizabeth, each of whom comes to know the surprising ways of God. Elizabeth, long barren, conceives John the Baptist, as foretold by the angel Gabriel. Mary visits Elizabeth after her own encounter with Gabriel and the news of her own unexpected pregnancy, and the women rejoice and marvel at the mysterious work of God.

Gathering

Choral Prelude

Caroling, Caroling

Alfred Burt

Angels' Carol

John Rutter

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

French trad., arr. David Willcocks

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 214

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*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.

*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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 5:2–5a

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms | The congregation chants the verses in bold.

Luke 1:46b–55 (The Magnificat)



“My soul magni-| fies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

**For he has | looked with favor
on the lowliness | of his servant.**

Surely, from now on all generations will | call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy | is his name.

**His mercy is for | those who fear him
from generation to | generation.**

He has shown strength | with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts | of their hearts.

**He has brought down the powerful | from their thrones,
and lifted | up the lowly;**

He has filled the hungry | with good things,
and sent the rich | away empty.

**He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance | of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descen-| dants forever.”**

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 10:5–10

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 200 | Stanzas 1 and 2

Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39–45

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

Sermon

Mary, The Bearer of Salvation

Response

Response Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke
(1888–1976)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti

*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:

People: Hear our prayer.

This morning we give thanks for the Duke University Management Company (DUMAC). We celebrate its dedication and prudence in carefully managing the endowment and financial resources that preserve the University's future.

Offertory Anthem

Magnificat

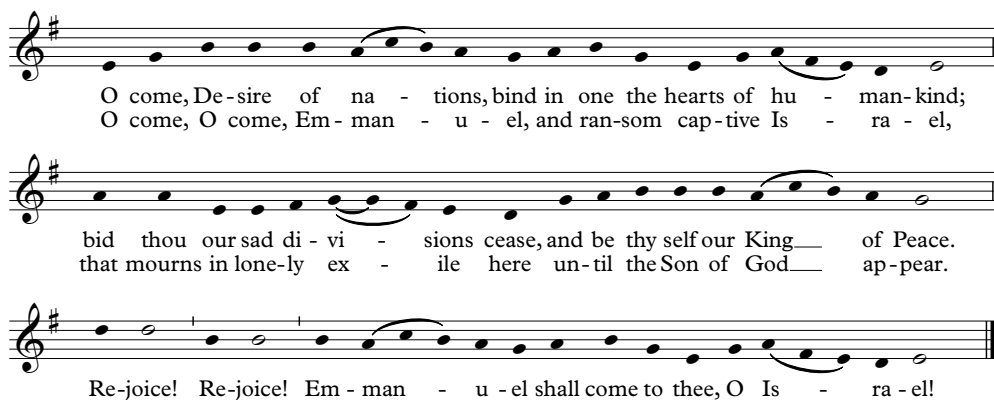
Kenneth R. Long

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL



O come, De-sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of hu - man-kind;
O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy self our King of Peace.
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 184

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Closing Voluntary

Ave Maris Stella, Op. 18, No. 4

Marcel Dupré
(1886–1971)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Luke A. Powery*Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Breana van Velzen.....*Community Minister, Duke University Chapel*

PREACHER

Alma Tinoco Ruiz*Lecturer in Homiletics and Evangelism
and Director of the Hispanic House of Studies, Duke Divinity School*

LECTORS

Drew Middleton *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Christian Wilson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

MUSICIANS

North Carolina Boys Choir and Girls Choir*Choir*
Robert Unger*Director, North Carolina Boys Choir and Girls Choir*
Ramon Brito*Accompanist, North Carolina Boys Choir and Girls Choir*
Alex Brito Vysotsky.....*Soloist, North Carolina Boys Choir and Girls Choir*
Paul McLaurin.....*Soloist, North Carolina Boys Choir and Girls Choir*
Christopher Jacobson.....*Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Sophie Caplin *Cantor*

HEAD USHER

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

GUEST PREACHER | Today's Goodson Guest Preacher is the Rev. Alma Tinoco Ruiz, the director of the Hispanic House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. A lecturer in homiletics and evangelism, Professor Tinoco Ruiz is currently working on her Th.D. degree at Duke Divinity School and is the first recipient of the Lilly Endowment Inc. fellowship for Hispanic-Latino/a students in the Th.D. program in homiletics. She was awarded the Denman Fellow of the Foundation for Evangelism in 2016, the Forum for Theological Exploration Doctoral Fellowship in 2019, and the Hispanic Theological Initiative/Lilly fellowship in 2020. Professor Tinoco Ruiz is a practical theologian whose work centers on the intersection of homiletics, pastoral care, and evangelism. She is a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church.

GUEST CHOIR | Founded in 1972, by William Graham, The North Carolina Boys Choir and Girls Choir (NCBC) provide a rich musical experience for boys and girls in the greater Durham-Chapel Hill area. Participation in The North Carolina Boys and Girls Choirs involves individual discipline and dedication. The Concert Choir of the NCBC has performed in Durham, Chapel Hill, and other cities in North Carolina, as well as other states and abroad. They continue to carry out the mission "to educate and train boys and girls in the art of singing and to perform the finest music in the Boychoir tradition."

TODAY IN WORSHIP

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY'S MUSIC | Throughout Advent we are chanting responsive psalmody, employing the same melodic formula, called a tone, each week. Today, we sing the Magnificat, Mary's song.

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.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT | For today's psalmody: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* tone 8 © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-725399.

ENGAGE

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.

ZOE GIFT MARKET TODAY | The Congregation at Duke University Chapel supports ZOE Empowers. The agency provides orphans in several countries in Africa and in India a chance to be self-supporting in a three-year program that changes and greatly improves their lives. There will be information about the ZOE program and Christmas market in the narthex after worship this morning. Please stop by and consider donating to this cause. For more information visit www.zoempowers.org.

CHORAL SOCIETY OF DURHAM CONCERT | The Choral Society of Durham presents its holiday concert, “And On Earth Peace,” today, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. at the Chapel. The concert celebrates the arrival of a season of peace into a troubled world. John Rutter’s joyous “Gloria” is interlaced with expressive texts set in a variety of twentieth and twenty-first century musical traditions. Tickets are available through the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | The Chapel will hold the Christmas Eve worship services listed below on Friday, December 24. **Please note: Seating will be limited with preregistration required. To register, visit the Chapel website at chapel.duke.edu.** The services are:

- **2:00 p.m.**, a family-friendly service, lasting about forty-five minutes, with favorite hymns and carols, and a brief homily preached jointly by Chapel Dean Luke Powery and Assistant Dean Bruce Puckett;
- **5:00 p.m.**, a service with music from the Durham Children’s Choir and Amalgam Brass, and a joint sermon from Deans Powery and Puckett;
- **8:00 p.m.**, a service with music from the Amalgam Brass Ensemble and soloists, as well as a joint sermon from Deans Powery and Puckett;
- **11:00 p.m.**, the Chapel’s traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with choir, harp and organ music, scripture readings, and Christmas carols.

Free parking will be available in the Bryan Center Parking Garage. Face masks are required. The Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service at 11:00 p.m. will be broadcast statewide by Spectrum News 1 on Spectrum cable channel 1, as well as on the radio on WDNC, 620 AM. All four of the Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed on the Duke Chapel website and broadcast on channel 12 of the Duke Hospital TV system.

TICKETS FOR ONLINE PRESENTATION OF HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' | Tickets are available for an online presentation of this year’s Handel’s *Messiah*. The approximately ninety-minute virtual performance includes all of Part I of *Messiah* (the Christmas portion) plus selected movements from Parts II and III. The concert will be available for viewing until December 26. To purchase tickets, contact the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu or 919-684-4444.

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MEMORIAL VIGIL FOR PEOPLE WHO DIED HOMELESS | Local ministers and others will lead an outdoor memorial prayer vigil for homeless neighbors who died this year. The vigil, organized by Durham Congregations In Action (DCIA), will be held on Tuesday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Durham Farmers' Market. Participants will remember by name those who passed away, light candles, pray, and sing. Chapel Dean Luke Powery will lead the songs. Vaccinated and masked participants welcome in person; unvaccinated or health-vulnerable persons welcome to attend on the livestream on the DCIA Facebook page.

HOLIDAY HOURS | The Chapel is open to visitors daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with these exceptions over the winter break: Christmas Eve open to the public 10:00 a.m.–12-noon and then preregistration is required to attend a service; Christmas Day, closed all day; Sunday, December 26, through Saturday, January 1, closing at 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, January 3, closing at 5:00 p.m. Before planning a visit, please confirm the building schedule at chapel.duke.edu or by calling 919-681-9488.

BACH CANTATA SERIES JAN. 2 | On Sunday, January 2, the Duke Bach Ensemble and Mallarmé Chamber Players will offer J.S. Bach's Cantata for the New Year, *Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele* (Praise the Lord, O my soul) BWV 143, and Palestrina's motet *Lauda anima mea*, as part of the Chapel's regular 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service. This performance of *Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele* presents the cantata in its historic context as part of a Sunday liturgy. The prelude of the service will begin at 10:45 a.m. with G. P. Telemann's "Concerto for Two Horns." All are welcome: tickets are not required.

LASAGNAS NEEDED | Volunteers are needed to bring two party-sized baked lasagnas (12-serving size) to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty Street, Durham to provide dinner for hungry neighbors. Volunteers will meet donors in the parking lot to take the lasagnas to the kitchen. The donation of lasagnas is needed on Sunday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to sign up and for more detailed information.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE | Urban Ministries of Durham welcomes donations for their food pantry, particularly as they distribute supplies for holiday meals. Donations of unexpired, nonperishable food such as pasta, canned meat, canned vegetables, and boxed cereals are welcome. All donations may be dropped off at 410 Liberty Street, Durham between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LECTORS, COMMUNION SERVERS, AND USHERS NEEDED | Have you ever wanted to read scripture for a Chapel worship service? Are you interested in serving communion on a Sunday morning? Would you be interested in welcoming people into worship and inviting them into the praise of God? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please write Rev. Bruce Puckett, the Chapel's assistant dean, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu. All are invited to serve.

ENGAGE

DUKE LAB SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR STUDY OF RESPONSES TO WORSHIP | Do you own a smart watch device or live in the Durham area? Are you interested in helping researchers understand more about your worship experience? The Belief, Affect, and Behavior Lab at Duke University is searching for participants who own a smart watch device or can pick one up from the lab, are Christian, attend in-person church services in the U.S., are able to fill out an online survey right after services, are fluent in English, and are eighteen years old or older. Participation includes completing online fifteen-minute surveys after attending an in-person and a virtual church service in your own church and recording/reporting your heart rate during the service. You could receive up to \$40 in Amazon gift cards for completing this study. If you like more information, please complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/DukeWorshipStudy> or email the study coordinator, Camden Nelson, at cmn36@duke.edu.

JANUARY BOOK GROUP | For the four Wednesdays in January, book groups will meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle. Through lively stories and humor, Boyle, a Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy Industries, shows the power of compassion in working with former gang members. Groups will meet virtually starting on Wednesday, January 12. His inspirational work will be an encouragement for the new year. For the zoom link or additional information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes will not meet on December 26, but will resume January 2 as follows:

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers (available virtually).

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).

Youth Bible Study: A study of the gospel of Luke for youth grades 6–12 in Westbrook 0013 and by Zoom.

Adult Bible Study: A study of Ephesians for adults in 0015 Westbrook and by Zoom starting January 16.

Adult Forum: Guest speakers address a variety of topics in Westbrook 0012 and by Zoom.

LET'S BE 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 very 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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