



**Duke**  
UNIVERSITY  
**CHAPEL**

# Service of Worship

Children's Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2015, Page Auditorium  
Two o'clock in the afternoon

~ Bridging Faith and Learning ~

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Welcome to all children who have come to follow the star to Bethlehem! As storytellers and musicians lead us in a celebration of Jesus' birth, we will sing carols together and hear glad tidings of great joy. At the conclusion of the service, please leave your halo or shepherd's headdress with us for safekeeping until next year. Thank you to the children of the Congregation at Duke Chapel for leading us in our worship, and to the many volunteers who make this service possible through their commitment of time, resources, and gifts.

*The storytellers will prompt the congregation to sing  
at the appropriate times during the service.  
If you need the assistance of the sign language interpreter,  
please sit near the front right of the stage.*

#### HARP PRELUDE

What Child is This?

GREENSLEEVES

Angels We Have Heard on High

FRENCH MELODY

Concert Variations on ADESTE FIDELIS

Carlos Salzedo  
(1885–1960)

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new born King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel. *Refrain***

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth. *Refrain***

#### INTRODUCTION

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

**O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

*Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,  
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten not created; *Refrain*

## MARY AND JOSEPH

*Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.*

*Luke 2:4–6*

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth!

## MARY AND JOSEPH CONTINUED

### Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care;  
prepare us for heaven to live with you there.

Minister: Let us pray together.

**Congregation:** Faithful God, we lift to you those like Mary and Joseph who had no room at the inn. We pray for those who are without food and a warm place to stay tonight. Thank you God for all the gifts you give us, especially the best gift of all— your Son Jesus. Amen.

## THE SHEPHERDS

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'*

*Luke 2:8–11*

Angels We have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly  
song? Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

## THE SHEPHERDS CONTINUED

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

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?

*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!*

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

*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!*

Minister: Let us pray together.

Congregation: Holy God, your Son Jesus brings joy to the world.  
We pray for those who are sad, alone or afraid.  
Thank you Jesus that we can sing to you like the  
angels, because you love us so much. Amen.

#### THE WISE MEN

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.'*

*Matthew 2:1-2*

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty  
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him  
again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer  
and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering  
gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-  
cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

Minister: Let us pray together.

Congregation: Royal God, your Son Jesus is the King of kings.  
We pray for those who are travelling today, and  
those who are looking for you God. Thank you  
Jesus that you came to share in our lives. Amen.

## THE CONCLUSION

### Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King:  
"Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."

## BENEDICTION

### Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## BRASS PRELUDE



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*The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.*

**TODAY'S OFFERING**—Ushers will be the doors this afternoon to accept offerings for Urban Ministries of Durham which helps to provide emergency shelter, food, and clothing for people living in poverty. Please give generously.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**—The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Duke Divinity school. There are three classes for children and youth and one class for adults. All classes are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time regardless of religious background. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 3.

**WEE PRAISE**—Infants and children through age 3, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Using “Musikgarten’s God’s Children Sing” curriculum, participants will sing, move, listen and play simple instruments. The class meets in Room 0014 Westbrook, Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

**GODLY PLAY**—Children ages 4 through 5th graders are invited to participate in a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture. Godly Play draws children into stories to learn the Christian language, become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence, and make meaning in their lives. The class meets in Room 0050 Langford, Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

**YOUTH**—Students, 6th–12th grade, will meet for fun and interesting Bible lessons on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Room 0013 Westbrook. On Sunday evenings, youth meet for dinner, games, fellowship, and discussion.

**PASTORS AVAILABLE**—To learn more about Christian education, as well as opportunities for service and fellowship, or to speak about a personal or spiritual need, please contact Children’s Pastor, Phyllis Snyder or Assistant Pastor for Youth, Andrew Phillips at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917.

**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](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EACH WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**—Every Sunday, 11 a.m in Page Auditorium.

**CHORAL EVENSONG**—Resumes Sunday, January 10 at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

**ONLINE MID-WEEK PRAYER**—Wednesday at noon via [periscope.tv/dukechapel](https://periscope.tv/dukechapel)

**CHORAL VESPERS**—Resumes Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

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## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Storytellers	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg The Rev. McKennon Shea Ms. Rosemarie Gulla Mr. Steve Harper
Mary	Miss Julie Slawter
Joseph	Mr. Drew Slawter
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