



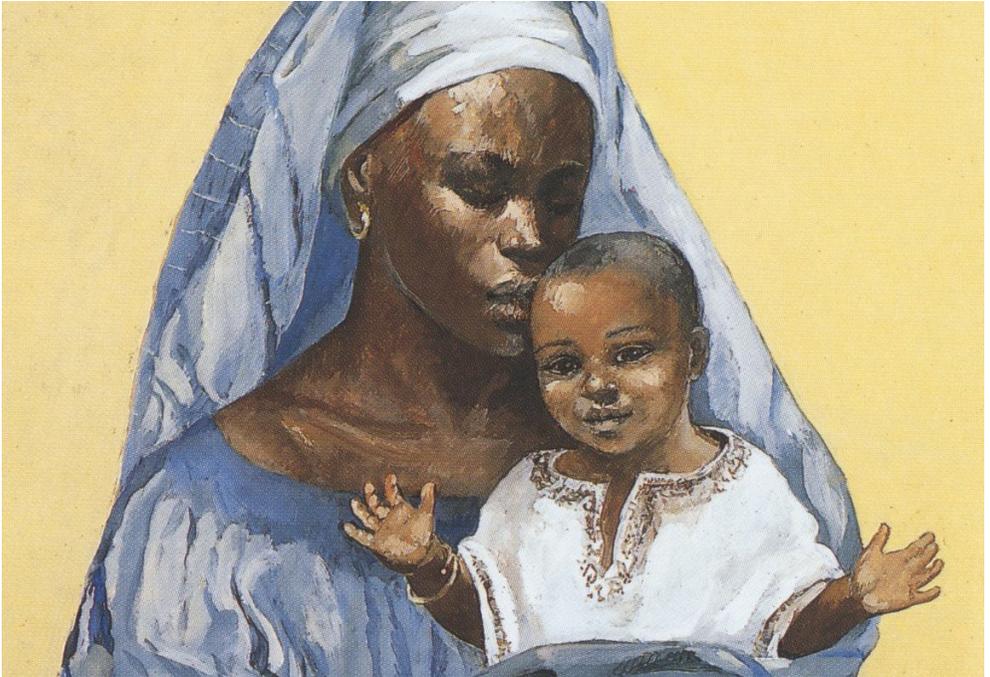
Duke  
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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 4:00 p.m.



*Virgin and Child*

JESUS MAFA, Cameroon, 1973

Christmas is the festival during which Christians celebrate the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. This vulnerable infant, long-awaited and yet still a surprise, is the incarnation of God on earth. As we share gifts with our friends and families this season, we seek to capture the joy and wonder of the original gift of Christmas: Jesus Christ, coming into a broken world to dwell among us as the Son of God, our Savior.

# Gathering

## Choral Prelude

Hodie Alleluia

Mark Sirett

Silent Night

arr. Pinkzebra

Ding, Dong Merrily on High

arr. Judith Herrington & Sara Glick

## Greeting and Call to Worship

### \*Processional Hymn 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide the magi to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

## Proclamation

### Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Old Testament Lesson | OT page 600 in the pew Bibles

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\* All who are able may stand

## Anthem

O Magnum Mysterium

Evan Ramos

O magnum mysterium,	<i>O great mystery</i>
Et admirabile sacramentum,	<i>And wonderful sacrament</i>
Ut animalia viderunt	<i>That animals should see</i>
Dominum natum	<i>the newborn Lord</i>
Jacentem in praesepio.	<i>Lying in a manger</i>
O Magnum mysterium. Amen.	<i>O great mystery. Amen</i>

## New Testament Lesson | NT pages 202-203 in the pew Bibles

Titus 2:11-14

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gradual Hymn 240 | Please face the Gospel Procession

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

## Gospel Lesson | NT page 1 in the pew Bibles

Matthew 1:18-25

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

The Birth of a Preposition

## Response

### \*Response Hymn 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

## 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 Anthems

What Child Is This?

arr. Jill Friedersdorf & Melissa Malvar-Keylock

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?  
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 lamb are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

## \*Doxology

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

(Repeat refrain as needed)

GLORIA

# Thanksgiving

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

# Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Closing Processional Hymn 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on Vom Himmel hoch

Garth Edmundson  
(1892-1971)

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg .....*Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

The Rev. Bruce Puckett .....*Assitant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

### PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery .....*Dean, Duke University Chapel*

### LECTORS

Mr. Frank Coble .....*Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Ms. Cricket Scovil .....*Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

### MUSICIANS

Durham Children's Choir .....*Choir*

Ms. Dena Byers .....*Artistic Director, Durham Children's Choir*

Mr. Brad Logan .....*Accompanist, Durham Children's Choir*

Mr. Christopher Jacobson .....*Organist, Duke University Chapel*

### HEAD USHERS

Dr. James Ferguson .....*Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Ms. Acelynn Barefoot .....*Chapel Scholar, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** | 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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** | This year's offerings will go to support families in need both at home and abroad. As part of the Chapel's ongoing commitment to partnership with the people of Haiti, half of this year's Christmas Eve offerings will go to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Dr. David and Mrs. Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Chapel's work with FHM has included building the Blanchard Health Clinic and the Nancy Ferree-Clark Guesthouse, named in honor of the former Congregation pastor. The other half of the offering will go to World Relief Durham to work with immigrants, churches, and the community to help vulnerable immigrants thrive in the Triangle. World Relief resettles refugees, provides immigration legal services, and partners with schools to fill gaps for vulnerable immigrant youth. To learn more about either of these organizations visit: [familyhm.org](http://familyhm.org) or [worldreliefdurham.org](http://worldreliefdurham.org).

**TODAY'S CHOIR** | The Durham Children's Choir is a community organization which exists to provide exceptional choral education to children regardless of race, creed, or socio-economic station. Founded in 2004 by Scott Hill, and under the leadership of Artistic Director Dena Byers, the Durham Children's Choir performs music of various cultures and genres and shares that music with the community at public and private events. They especially enjoy collaborating with area music educators, composers, and arts organizations. The choir has recently sung at Duke Chapel's Blessing of the Animals service and with the Duke Chapel Bach Ensemble; they participated in Mayor Bell's retirement celebrations and have performed in Carnegie Hall. These ventures enable the Durham Children's Choir to have a greater presence in the community and provide the children with invaluable learning opportunities. For more information about the Durham Children's Choir, visit their website at [www.durhamchildrenschoir.org](http://www.durhamchildrenschoir.org).

**ACCESSIBILITY** | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk. A sign language interpreter is located at the front of the Chapel on the pulpit side.

## ENGAGE

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**COMMUNITY CHOIR AT 11:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** | All are invited to come and sing in the Christmas Eve Community Choir for the 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols service tonight. There is a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m.

**DUKE CHAPEL WORSHIP** | Worship is offered at Duke Chapel on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. throughout the year. Every Sunday worshipers from campus and the community gather to praise God, who is known to us in Jesus Christ. During the academic year, other worship services include Evensong on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and Vespers on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**CHAPEL NEWSLETTER** | The Chapel publishes a weekly newsletter with information about worship, concerts, and special events. Sign up for these email updates at [chapel.duke.edu/email](http://chapel.duke.edu/email).

**CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES** | The Congregation at Duke University Chapel is the interdenominational church home for people who consider Duke Chapel to be their primary place of worship. Recognizing that the Christian life is more than a Sunday morning experience, members of the Congregation long to deepen their relationships with God, with each other, and with their neighbors. Through education, mission, and fellowship the Congregation helps participants to strengthen these precious relationships. The Congregation welcomes singles, couples and families, students, faculty, staff, and community members to join the church to grow together in Christ. To sign up for the Congregation's weekly newsletter, please email [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**HOLIDAY HOURS** | The Chapel is open to visitors daily from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with these exceptions over the winter break: Christmas Day, closed all day; New Year's Eve, closing at 5:00 p.m.; and New Year's Day, closing at 5:00 p.m. The Chapel is sometimes closed for private events, including most of the day on Saturday, December 28. Before planning a visit to the chapel, please confirm the building schedule at [chapel.duke.edu](http://chapel.duke.edu) or by calling 919-681-9488.

**PASTORS AVAILABLE** | If you wish to speak to a pastor regarding a spiritual or personal concern, please contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917.

**MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT BROADCAST** | *The Marvel of This Night: Christmas at Duke University Chapel*, a service of music and readings, will be broadcast nationally on the CBS Television Network, and also stream on the CBS All Access website, tonight at 11:35 p.m.; check local listings for details. This hour-long special, produced by the Chapel and campus partners, features beloved Christmas carols accompanied by three of the Chapel's organs as well as traditional scripture readings. The program will also be available on the Chapel's YouTube channel from December 26 to January 6.

**TWELFTH NIGHT CHORAL EVENSONG JAN. 5** | Choral Evensong engages scripture readings, congregational hymns, and choral music to encourage prayer and

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reflection in a traditional service using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a foundation. The service is led by Chapel and local ministers with music from the Duke Evensong Singers. It includes organ music and sung prayers. On January 5 at 4:00 p.m., there is a special Evensong service celebrating Twelfth Night.

**VESPERS RESUMES JAN. 9** | The Chapel's weekly Choral Vespers service resumes on Thursday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. As daylight fades, Choral Vespers invites students and community members into the darkened Chapel to experience sacred music, scripture readings, and prayer. The Duke Vespers Ensemble leads the choral portion of the service.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook Building (WB) in the Divinity school. Classes, which are provided for all ages are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes resume on Sunday, January 5, as follows:

- Wee Praise:** For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- Godly Play:** For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford
- Godly Play Advanced:** For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford
- Youth Bible Study:** For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- Adult Bible Study:** Beginning January 19 in 0015 Westbrook
- Adult Forum:** Guest speakers address diverse topics in 0012 Westbrook

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For a complete listing of events, please visit [chapel.duke.edu/events](http://chapel.duke.edu/events) or sign up to receive weekly emails at [chapel.duke.edu/email](http://chapel.duke.edu/email)



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