



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m.



La presentación de Cristo en el templo

Kelly Latimore, 2018

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

Brass Prelude

Six Christmas Carols
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Greensleeves
Once in Royal David's City
We Three Kings
O Tannenbaum
Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Rob Roy MacGregor
(b. 1943)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES
arr. David Willcocks

*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

Sussex Carol

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!”

Text: traditional English carol

*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 251

Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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

The Little Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head

(1900–1976)

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
the lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
I heard a sheepbell softly calling them,
along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day,
And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheepbell rang.
“The lambs are coming home,” sweet Mary sang,
“your star of gold, your star of gold is shining in the sky,
so sleep, my little King, go lullaby.”

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homewards, one by one.
I heard a sheepbell softly calling them,
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Text: Margaret Rose (d. 1936)

*Doxology

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

(Repeat refrain as needed)

Thanksgiving and Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical setting A, found on page 17 of the hymnals.

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.**

The leader gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

...Give us such joy and peace in your company that our hearts join the angels in the Christmas sky and around your eternal throne, singing their hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit, and recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper. The leader concludes:

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The leader praises the Trinity, concluding:

...through whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

***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.

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 the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side and the station at the front by the pulpit side transept. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during Communion.

Music During Communion | The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns during the distribution.

Hymn 245

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL
arr. David Willcocks

Hymn 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS
arr. James Biery

Hymn 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Sending Forth

***Benediction**

***Closing Processional Hymn 246**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH
arr. Robert A. Hobby

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*

LECTOR

Mr. Kennedy Godette..... *Community Worshiper, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Ms. Lynn Holmes*Divinity '19*

MUSICIANS

Amalgam Brass Ensemble..... *Guest Musicians*

Mr. Christopher Jacobson*Chapel Organist*

Dr. Zebulon Highben.....*Soloist*

MINISTERS OF ANOINTING

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

Mr. Michael Larbi.....*Intern, Congregation at Duke Chapel; Divinity '21*

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 or worldreliefdurham.org.

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

ENGAGE

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.

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.

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 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 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 reflection in a traditional service using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a

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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

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email



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