Welcome to all children who have come to follow the star to Bethlehem! As storytellers lead us in a celebration of Jesus’s 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 and bells 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.
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.

TODAY’S OFFERING | Ushers will be at the doors this afternoon to accept offerings for Zoe Empowers, a ministry which enables vulnerable children in Africa become economically self-sufficient. Please give generously. Learn more at zoeempowers.org.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary
Noel Polonaise

Greeting and Call to Worship

Hymn 246: Joy to the World | Please stand.  

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.

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.

Introduction

O Come, All Ye Faithful | Please remain seated.  

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.

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

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

Hymn 230: O Little Town of Bethlehem | Please remain seated.  
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

Hymn 217: Away in a Manger | Please stand.  
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.

Minister: Let us pray together. Please repeat after me.

Congregation: Faithful God, 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

Hymn 238: Angels We Have Heard on High | Please remain seated.  

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

Hymn 219: What Child Is This? | Please remain seated.  

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

Minister:    Let us pray together. Please repeat after me.

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

Hymn 254: We Three Kings | Please remain seated.

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.

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

Minister: Let us pray together. Please repeat after me.

Congregation: Royal God, your Son Jesus is the King of kings.
We pray for those who are travelling today, and for those who are looking for you. Thank you, Jesus, that you came to share in our lives. Amen.
Hymn 239: Silent Night | Please remain seated.  

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! 
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!

Benediction

Hymn 251: Go, Tell It on the Mountain | Please stand.  

All are invited to joyously ring bells as the congregation sings.

Refrain: 
Go, tell it on the mountain, 
over the hills and everywhere; 
go, tell it on the mountain 
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching 
o’er silent flocks by night, 
behold, throughout the heavens 
there shone a holy light. Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled 
when lo! above the earth 
rang out the angel chorus 
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

Down in a lowly manger 
the humble Christ was born, 
and God sent us salvation 
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Closing Voluntary

Go Tell It on the Mountain  
Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)
ENGAGE

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. The Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m. draws worshipers from all areas of campus as well as from many of our neighboring communities. 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.

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.

COSTUMES | Please return costumes to the baskets by the doors.

VIDEO OF TODAY’S SERVICE | A complete video of today’s service will be available online at https://chapel.duke.edu/christian-worship. Please enjoy and share this video and refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.

COLORING PAGES | This bulletin may be colored at home. The four pages may be placed together to tell the complete story of the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School. Four classes for children and youth, which will resume their weekly schedule on January 5, 2020, are as follows:

- **Wee Praise**: Infants and children through age 3, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to make a joyful noise to the Lord.
- **Godly Play and Godly Play Advanced**: Children ages 4 through 1st grade and 2nd - 5th grade participate in a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture.
- **Youth Bible Study**: Students in 6th – 12th grade meet for discussion of the scriptures on Sunday mornings.