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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022, 5:00 p.m.



Joy to the World!, artist unknown. Photo by Steve Evans via Flickr, 2016.

Christmastide (named after the principal celebration of the “Christ Mass”) is the twelve-day 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

Carillon

Choral Prelude

Coventry Carol arr. Noah Reese

All on a Silent Night Becki Slagle Mayo

The Shepherds' Spiritual Donald Moore

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN
arr. Vaclav Nelhybel

*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.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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 pew Bibles.

Isaiah 9:2–7

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Angels O'er the Field Were Singing

Vicki Tucker Courtney

Angels were singing, singing hymns from heav'n on high;
Mountain echoes ringing, answered to their joyful cry.
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this celebration? Why this burst of heav'nly song?
What could cause such jubilation? What inspired the heav'nly throng?
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

They are bringing wond'rous tidings, tidings of an infant King,
who will bring us peace abiding. 'Tis of the holy babe they sing.
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

New Testament Lesson | NT pages 202–203 in pew Bibles.

Titus 2:11–14

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 238, stanzas 1 and 2. Turn to face the Gospel procession.

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA
arr. Nelhybel

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 54–55 in pew Bibles.

Luke 2:1–20

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 238, stanzas 3 and 4.

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA
arr. Nelhybel

Sermon

Becoming Human

Response

*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 First Noel

arr. Trevor Manor

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth, it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

*Offertory Hymn | UMH 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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 | UMH 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH
arr. Robert Hobby

Closing Voluntary

My Spirit Be Joyful

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
arr. Harry Herforth

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Carol Gregg *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Preacher

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Jovita Byemerwa *Chapel Scholar, Graduate '23*
Mitchell Eithun *Intern for Worship and Student Engagement, Duke University Chapel;*
Divinity '25

Musicians

Durham Children's Choir *Choir*
Dena Byers *Artistic Director, Durham Children's Choir*
Jeff Whicker *Accompanist, Durham Children's Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Chad Fothergill *Interim Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Daniel Jacky *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Don Eagle *Trumpet, Amalgam Brass*
Paul Neebe *Trumpet, Amalgam Brass*
Chris Caudill *Horn, Amalgam Brass*
Mike Kris *Trombone, Amalgam Brass*
Steve Truckenbrod *Tuba, Amalgam Brass*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Flowers and Decorations | 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.

About the Durham Children's Choir | The Durham Children's Choir is a community organization that seeks to provide exceptional choral education to children regardless of race, creed, or socio-economic station. Founded in 2004 by Scott Hill and now under the leadership of Artistic Director Dena Byers, the Durham Children's Choir performs music from various cultures and genres and shares that music with the community at public and private events. The choir enjoys local collaborations with area music educators, composers, and arts organizations, including their participation in an annual Martin Luther King, Jr. event. They have performed internationally and nationally; most recently, they opened for Grammy Award-winning musician Lauren Daigle and performed in Carnegie Hall. These ventures enable the choir to have a greater presence in the community and provide the children with invaluable learning opportunities. For more information, please visit their website at durhamchildrenschoir.org.

Christmas Eve Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support two local non-profit and strategic community partners of Duke Chapel: the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND) and Habitat for Humanity of Durham. RCND seeks to prevent and rectify the injustice of violence by engaging everyday community members in compassionate care for homicide survivors, support circles for citizens returning from incarceration, and restorative justice processes that "repair the harm" between victim and offender. Through these practices of proximity and repair, RCND seeks to foster a Durham framed by unconditional belonging. Habitat for Humanity of Durham is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Durham is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and globally by constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Prayer of Confession from *The Worshipbook*, published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors, turn to the left, and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Christmas Day Service | The Chapel will hold a worship service tomorrow, Christmas Day, at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, the Chapel's director of Religious Life, will preach. The service will also include music from the Chapel organist, a soloist, and a string quartet from Mallarmé Music.

Twelfth Night Service | The Chapel will hold a festive worship service on Thursday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m., marking the end of the twelve days of Christmas and the eve of Epiphany. The service will feature music by the Schola Cantorum, Chapel organists, and harpist Laura Byrne, interspersed with readings and carols for all to sing.

Duke Chapel Email 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.

Holiday Hours | The Chapel is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, when it closes at 1:00 p.m., and the following university holidays, when it closes at 5:00 p.m.: December 26, December 30, and January 2. The Chapel also closes to the public for weddings and other private ceremonies, so before planning a visit, check the website calendar at chapel.duke.edu/events.

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.

Students at Duke Chapel | Students are the Chapel's primary focus and community. The Chapel seeks to serve each student, bridging their faith and learning through individual formation, communal worship, acts of service on campus and in the broader world, and caring support, regardless of their beliefs. Learn about Chapel Scholars, Religious Life groups, Student Ambassadors, the 2023 Student Preacher applications, and more at chapel.duke.edu/students.

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Worship at Duke Chapel | Duke Chapel is home to a long—and living—tradition of faithful preaching and inspiring sacred music. Join us as we sing, pray, give thanks, and learn together. During the Epiphany season in January and February, there will be guest preachers in the Chapel's Sunday Morning services, including the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor (February 5) and the Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings (February 19).

Upcoming Concerts | The next concert in the 2022–2023 Chapel Music season will be on Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 p.m., when Bálint Karosi, director of music at Saint Peter's Church in New York City, will present a recital on the Chapel's Brombough and Flentrop organs. See the full schedule for the season at chapel.duke.edu/music.

Community Ministry | The Chapel stands as a living witness in Durham and beyond. By being a faithful witness to the all-inclusive love of God, the Chapel joins in the important work of respecting the dignity of every human being, especially in the areas of affordable housing, education, and mass incarceration. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/community.

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, each other, and their neighbors. By providing opportunities for education, service, and fellowship, the Congregation helps participants strengthen these precious relationships. The Congregation welcomes singles, couples, and families who are 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.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. These classes are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. They will resume on Sunday, January 8. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET'S KEEP 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 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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