



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 26, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



Jesus among the doctors in the Temple
Mir Kalan Khan, c. 1760

The first Sunday after Christmas often celebrates the feast of the Holy Family, and in the scripture lessons today we hear stories about the experiences of families, especially as children grow in their love and service of God. In 1 Samuel, we hear about the sacrifice made by Samuel's parents as the young Samuel grows in stature and maturity while serving in the temple before the Lord. In the gospel lesson from Luke, a precocious Jesus escapes from his parents after the Festival of Passover. He is eventually found in the temple, where he has been astonishing all the teachers with his questions and understanding.

Gathering

Prelude

A Journey with Love

Phyllis Avidian Louke

Ukrainian Bell Carol

Traditional
arr. Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda

Coventry Carol

Renaissance Carol
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 250

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

*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.

* All rise as able

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: as your word is read and proclaimed, gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Noël Alsacien Traditional French
arr. Martin Melicharek, III

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:12–17

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 92 | Stanzas 1-3.

For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41–52

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 92 | Stanzas 4-6.

For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

Sermon

Response

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

This morning we give thanks for the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience. We celebrate its probing of the mind and its seeking to integrate the behavioral and social sciences with the brain and health sciences.

Offertory Music

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

*Offertory Hymn 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

* All rise as able

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 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Closing Voluntary

Vom Himmel hoch, BWV 738

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Carol Gregg..... *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Zebulon Highben..... *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*

PREACHER

Kathryn Lester-Bacon *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

LECTORS

Thomas Link *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Ken Davenport..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

MUSICIANS

Raleigh Flute Choir..... *Ensemble*
Jane Lynch..... *Guest Organist*

HEAD USHER

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

GUEST ENSEMBLE | The Raleigh Flute Choir, a chamber ensemble of professional flutists from central North Carolina, was founded in 1986 and utilizes the full complement of instruments in the flute family, from the one-foot piccolo to the eight-foot contrabass flute. Their varied repertoire of music displays a rich and cohesive tonality for a varied repertoire of classical, folk, jazz, and original compositions. Performance highlights include National Flute Association Conventions, Duke Chapel worship services, the Biltmore House, Colonial Williamsburg, Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston (South Carolina), and five Christmas seasons at the White House. They are also a major sponsor of the Raleigh Area Flute Association (RAFA), a non-profit organization of more than 300 student, amateur, and professional flutists that offers scholarship competitions, sponsors six multi-age flute choirs, educational workshops, and concerts and master classes with world renowned guest artists.

TODAY'S OFFERING | Today's checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

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ENGAGE

TOUR AFTER THE SERVICE | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

HOLIDAY HOURS | The Chapel is open to visitors daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with these exceptions over the winter break: Sunday, December 26, through Saturday, January 1, closing at 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, January 3, closing at 5:00 p.m. Before planning a visit, please confirm the building schedule at chapel.duke.edu or by calling 919-681-9488.

BACH CANTATA SERIES JAN. 2 | Next Sunday, January 2, the Duke Bach Ensemble and Mallarmé Chamber Players will offer J.S. Bach's Cantata for the New Year, *Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele* (Praise the Lord, O my soul) BWV 143, and G. Aichinger's motet *Lauda anima mea*, as part of the Chapel's regular 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service. This performance of *Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele* presents the cantata in its historic context as part of a Sunday liturgy. The prelude of the service will begin at 10:45 a.m. with G. P. Telemann's "Concerto for Two Horns." All are welcome: tickets are not required.

EPIPHANY SERVICE | A special Choral Vespers service marks the Feast of the Epiphany on Thursday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. The Chapel's Vespers Ensemble leads this service of hymns, anthems, prayer, and scripture readings.

SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT | On Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon, volunteers are needed to help arrange furniture and supplies at the Durham Literacy Center (DLC) as the Center hopes to begin in-person tutoring again in mid-January. Due to the changes in the education of students in Durham being moved to virtual formats and home-based classrooms since the pandemic began, the high school dropout rate has increased and the services of DLC are needed more than ever. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | The Durham Literacy Center is in need of new or used flash drives, earbuds with microphones, and wireless mice for laptops. Items to be donated may be placed on the back pew on either January 9 and 16 or for delivery to the agency at 1905 Chapel Hill Rd in Durham. Each donation helps neighbors in Durham reach their educational goals.

JANUARY BOOK GROUP | For four Wednesdays in January and February, book groups will meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle. Through lively stories and humor, Boyle, a Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy Industries, shows the power of compassion in working with former gang members. Groups will meet virtually starting on Wednesday, January 12. His inspirational work will be an encouragement for the new year. For the zoom link or additional information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

ENGAGE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers (available virtually).

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).

Youth Bible Study: A study of the gospel of Luke for youth grades 6–12 in Westbrook 0013 and by Zoom.

Adult Bible Study: A study of Ephesians for adults in 0015 Westbrook and by Zoom starting January 16.

Adult Forum: On January 2, Francie and John McLeod will address “Yoga: Ancient Solutions for Ever Present Problems.”

LET'S BE 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 very 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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