On this First Sunday after Christmas, the scripture lessons encourage and inspire awe, thanksgiving, and praise of the Lord. The Psalmist calls for all people and all the earth, indeed all of creation to praise the Lord for the Lord’s glory is above all the earth. In Colossians, Paul teaches the church how to live in love, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God our Father through him. The Gospel reading inspires awe and wonder at the boy Jesus. The lesson tells of when the twelve-year-old Jesus became separated from his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. Upon finding him, they asked where he was, and Jesus replied that he was in his Father’s house. This story offers insight into how Jesus grew up as he increased in wisdom and in years, as well as in divine and human favor.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Christmas Medley (Dona Nobis/Away in a Manger)  arr. C. R. McManus

Suite Française de la Nativité  arr. Kelly Via

Il est Né
Un Flambeau, Jeanette Isabella
Pat-a-Pan

I Wonder as I Wander  John Jacob Niles
(arr. Ann Cameron Pearce)

Joy to the World  Lowell Mason
(arr. Kris Dorsey & Bill Holcombe)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 245

The First Noel  THE FIRST NOEL

*Prayers 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.

* All who are able may stand
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 | OT page 550 in the pew Bibles
Psalm 148

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

Anthem
Sleep My Baby Celtic Lullaby, Suo Gân (arr. Pearce)

New Testament Lesson | NT page 190 in the pew Bibles
Colossians 3:12-17

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

*Gradual Hymn 219 (Stanza 1) | Face the Gospel Procession
What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

Gospel Lesson | NT pages 55-6 in the pew Bibles
Luke 2:41-52

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

*Gradual Hymn 219 (Stanzas 2-3) | Face the Gospel Procession
What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

Sermon

Spiritual Resistance
Response

*The 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.

Offertory Anthem

Still, Still, Still                                  Austrian Carol
(Arr. Pearce)

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Sending Forth

*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.

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 248

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to anoint and pray.
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 | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR | The Raleigh Flute Choir is recognized as one of the nation’s leading professional flute ensembles. Founded in 1986, the choir utilizes the full complement of instruments in the flute family, with the piccolo and E-flat flute expanding the upper range while the alto, bass and eight-foot contrabass flutes extend into lower pitches. Their varied repertoire of music displays a rich and cohesive tonality for a varied repertoire of classical, folk, jazz, and original compositions.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.
HOLIDAY HOURS | The Chapel will keep these hours over winter break: December 30 open 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.; December 31 and January 1 open 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; January 2–4 open 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; January 5 resume regularly daily schedule of being open 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

HABITAT SERVICE DAY | Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to assist in building a home at 117 Hillside Ave.in Durham with Habitat for Humanity. This house is sponsored by Duke Chapel, the Congregation at Duke Chapel, Duke students, and other Duke departments. To sign-up, please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

EPHANANY SNACKLUCK | All are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, January 6 for a time of fellowship in the Chapel lounge. An Epiphany cake will be served. Participants are asked to bring snacks to share such a vegetables, fruit, or other snacks.

EPHANANY LESSONS AND CAROLS | The Duke Evensong Singers lead the music in a service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 6, at 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong is a centuries-old tradition that continues to be prayed every day all over the world. Drawn from the 17th century, worshipers are invited to enter into a sacred space of reflection through music, scripture, and prayers that have shaped Christian lives for hundreds of years.

VESPERS RESUMES | The Chapel’s weekly Choral Vespers service resumes on Thursday, January 10, at 6:00 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.

SHELTER DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | Helpers are needed for lasagna dinners at the Urban Ministries Shelter on Sunday, January 13 (5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, February 27 (6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Please contact Cricket Scovil (scovilj@aol.com) to volunteer to cook two party size lasagnas (12-servings) and help serve, or just provide two cooked lasagnas. Each dinner required 22 lasagnas and about ten volunteers. The shelter is located at 410 Liberty Street, Durham.

BOOK GROUPS | Beginning Wednesday, January 16, two book groups will gather to discuss A Bigger Table by John Pavlovitz. The book invites readers to explore how to grow, maintain, and expand Christian community. Meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., the groups will continuing for a total of five weeks. Please contact Josh Stanley at joshua.stanley@duke.edu to indicate plans to attend.
HELP FOR THOSE WHO MOURN | The holidays can be a difficult time for those who grieve. Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area religious and civic organizations to provide support and comfort to those who mourn. Meetings are held year-round on Tuesdays at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis in Durham. Participants gather at 4:00 p.m. for coffee and cookies; the meeting runs from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. New participants are welcome at any time. For more information, email growingthru@grief@gmail.com

STUDENT PREACHER APPLICATIONS | Undergraduate students are invited to apply to be this year’s Duke Chapel Student Preacher. The student selected will preach in Duke Chapel’s Sunday morning worship service on February 17. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/StudentPreacher.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Sunday morning Christian Education classes for all ages are offered year-round. All classes held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building from 9:45–10:45 a.m. with refreshments beginning at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. The classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: On January 6, Sarah Seibert, Duke Divinity School student will present "Discovering the Land of the Bible" 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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