Christmas is the festival during which Christians celebrate the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. This fragile 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.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**ENTRANCE**

**Carillon Music**

**Brass Prelude**

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

**Greeting and Announcements**

*Opening Procession: Hymn 234*  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
_Adeste Fideles_

**Proclamation**

*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.)

**Old Testament Lesson**—Psalm 96 (OT page 520 in the Pew Bible)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

Wassail Song, from “5 English Folk Songs”  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

**New Testament Lesson**—Titus 2:11–14 (NT page 202)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

At the close of today’s service, Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.
*Gradual Hymn 220 (stanzas 1–2)
Angels from the Realms of Glory
(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)*

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

*Gradual Hymn 220 (stanzas 3–4)
Angels from the Realms of Glory
(*Regent Square)*

Sermon—Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

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: “Hear our prayer.”’)

Offertory Anthem
Christmas Day
Gustav Holst
(1874–1934)
arr. Douglas Haislip

*Doxology
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
(Repeat refrain as needed.)

Thanksgiving

*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.)

Sending Forth

*Benediction
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The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

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.

eNews—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing fellowship events, service opportunities and Christian education classes. To sign up for this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.
Chapel Announcements

Advent Wreath 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.

Christmas Eve Offering—As part of the Chapel’s decade-long commitment to building relationships with the people of Haiti, the Christmas Eve offerings will go, for the fourteenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Dr. David and 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. These offerings provide most of the clinic’s annual operating support. Ongoing funding is crucial to continue to address the unmet needs of access to affordable healthcare, health education, and disease prevention. To donate online, go to www.familyhm.org.

Community Choir at the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service—All are invited to come and sing in the community choir for the 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols service tonight. There is a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m. The choir will sing several anthems, including the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah.

Christmas Day—There will be a service of worship in Duke Chapel tomorrow morning at 11 a.m., which will focus on the retelling of the Christmas story and the singing of favorite Christmas carols.
Duke Chapel is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. It is also a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it further acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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11 a.m. Christmas Day Worship at Duke Chapel
Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Bruce Puckett,
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