



Duke
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Christmas Eve Service of Worship

December 24, 2016

Six o'clock in the evening

≈ Bridging Faith and Learning ≈



"Nativity," by He Qi, 2001

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.

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.

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

arr. Rob Roy MacGregor
(b. 1943)

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.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 220 (*stanzas 1–2*)
Angels from the Realms of Glory
(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

REGENT SQUARE

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:1–20 (*NT pages 54–55*)
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.*)

GLORIA

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

*CLOSING PROCESSION: HYMN 246
Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE
My Spirit be Joyful

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

CARILLON MUSIC

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
Lectors	Ms. Rosemary Nye <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Mr. Frank Coble <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Organist	Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Guest Musicians	Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Memorial Chapel Communion	The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

CONGREGATION 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.



Weekly Worship

UNIVERSITY WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. **Sunday**

CHORAL EVENSONG
4:00 p.m. **Sunday**

**TUESDAYS
IN THE CRYPT**
5:15 p.m. **Tuesday**

CHORAL VESPERS
6:00 p.m. **Thursday**

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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,
Director of Worship and Community Ministry**