



**Duke**  
UNIVERSITY  
CHAPEL

# Christmas Eve Service of Worship with Holy Communion

December 24, 2017  
Six o'clock in the evening

✻ *Bridging Faith and Learning* ✻

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*Icon of the Nativity, mid 12th Century, Palermo, Italy*

Christmas is the 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.

*The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

## GATHERING

### CARILLON MUSIC

### BRASS PRELUDE

Six Christmas Carols

arr. Rob Roy MacGregor

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

(b. 1943)

Greensleeves

Once in Royal David's City

We Three Kings

O Tannenbaum

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 pages 520–1 in the Pew Bible*)

**Lector:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

The Wexford Carol

arr. J.A.C. Redford

(b. 1953)

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

**Lector:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### SERMON—Do Not Be Afraid

## 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: "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 AND COMMUNION

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(Musical Setting A, on page 17 of the hymnal)*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The leader gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

...Give us such joy and peace in your company that our hearts join the angels in the Christmas sky and around your eternal throne, singing their hymn of unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The leader continues, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit, and recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper. The leader concludes:*

...Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The leader praises the Trinity, concluding:*

...through whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*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.)*

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

*All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side and the station at the front by the pulpit side transept. All of today's Communion bread is gluten-free. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during Communion.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*(The congregation will sing the following hymns during the distribution.)*

**HYMN 240**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**HYMN 251**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**HYMN 230**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**HYMN 239**

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Toccata on *Vom Himmel hoch*

Garth Edmundson  
(1892–1971)

**CARILLON MUSIC**

*\*All who are able may stand.*

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## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery
Lector	Ms. Robin Barefoot <i>Duke Chapel Advisory Board Member</i>
Organist	Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Guest Musicians	Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Minister of Anointing	The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

# WORSHIP

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

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

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



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## CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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 Mrs. 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](http://www.familyhm.org).

**TODAY’S EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**—Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp has been a presence in Chapel worship since assuming her position as associate dean for religious life in 2010. She was the first non-ordained person to serve the Chapel in this capacity. Four years ago she began a process to seek ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and last month she was approved for ordination in the NC Synod of the ELCA. Bishop Tim Smith has granted her sacramental privileges in Duke Chapel until her ordination in 2018.

**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*.

**MUSIC SERIES**—The second half of this year’s Duke Chapel Music Series begins January 7 at 4:00 p.m. with a special service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols led by the Duke Evensong Singers. Fourteen more concerts and special services will follow during the Spring semester. They range from a recital by the Chapel’s Organ Scholars to a performance of Felix Mendelssohn’s *Elijah* to a hymn festival. Find dates and event details at [chapel.duke.edu/music](http://chapel.duke.edu/music).

**HABITAT BUILD**—Volunteers are needed to help build a house in Durham from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 13. To volunteer for one or more of these days, please contact Bruce Puckett at [bruce.puckett@duke.edu](mailto:bruce.puckett@duke.edu).

**OPEN HOURS**—Duke Chapel is closed on Christmas Day; otherwise it is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Before planning a visit, please confirm event details by visiting [chapel.duke.edu](http://chapel.duke.edu), emailing [dukechapel@duke.edu](mailto:dukechapel@duke.edu), or by calling 919-681-9488.

**EMAIL UPDATES**—To receive weekly updates on Chapel news and events, sign up for the email list at [chapel.duke.edu/email](http://chapel.duke.edu/email).



## 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.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**—The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning classes from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook Building (WB) in the Divinity school. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. There are three classes for children and youth and two classes for adults. All classes are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7 as follows:

**Wee Praise:** For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

**Godly Play:** For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.

**Youth Sunday School:** For youth in 6–12th grade in 0013 WB.

**Bible Study:** For adults in 0015 Westbrook (starting January 21)

**Adult Forum:** Speakers offer diverse presentations in 0012 WB.

**MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER**—The Congregation serves dinner once a month at the Urban Ministries Shelter in downtown Durham. The meal is prepared at the shelter kitchen with volunteering bringing cooked party-size lasagnas. Shelter residents do all the clean-up. Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed each month. Please contact the Congregation office at [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917 for more information or to volunteer.

**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](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**PASTORS AVAILABLE**—If you wish to speak to a pastor regarding a spiritual or personal concern, please contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or 919-684-3917.

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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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### NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

**GUEST PREACHER**—Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Shaquisha (Kiki) Barnes, chaplain at Duke Regional Hospital.

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