Christmas is the festival at 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: God, out of his lavish abundance, comes into a broken world to dwell among us and draw us to him.
At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper 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 asked to remain silent 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**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234*  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Adeste Fideles

**PROCLAMATION**

**OPENING PRAYER**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT page 600 in the pew Bible)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

Wexford Carol  
Traditional Irish Carol  
arr. J. A. C. Redford  
(b. 1953)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Titus 2:11-14 (NT pages 202-03)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 245 (stanzas 1-2)*  
The First Noel  
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*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 245 (stanzas 3-5)**

The First Noel

**Sermon—Peace**

**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; 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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)**

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 246**

Joy to the World

Antioch

**Postlude**

Improvisation on Antioch and Gardner’s Dancing Day

**Carillon Music**

*All who are able may stand.*
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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 wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel and the interior decorations are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

Christmas Eve Offering and Photos Adorning the Chapel—Each year during the Christmas season, photographs depicting the work of Family Health Ministries hang in the Chapel. 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 tenth consecutive year, to Family Health Ministries (FHM). FHM is a nonprofit agency, founded by Duke professors Dr. David and Kathy Walmer, which provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. Since 2004, the Congregation’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.

Goodbye to David Arcus—Tonight marks the final worship services played by the Chapel Organist David Arcus. David has made an extraordinary contribution to the musical and worship life of the Chapel in the more than 25 years he has been here, and it has been an immeasurable gift to have him as a colleague. With deep gratitude, the Chapel community celebrates the many gifts that David has shared with us and wishes only the best for him and his wife Robin in the next stage of their life together. David will be playing a final organ recital on January 26, at 5:00 p.m.

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 six anthems, including the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah.

Sundays at Duke Chapel—Duke Chapel offers worship services every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. throughout the year. The Chapel welcomes members of both the university and greater Triangle communities to join in the journey of Christian discipleship throughout the year.

Christian Life—The Congregation at Duke Chapel provides Christian education for all ages as well as regular service and fellowship opportunities, all of which are always open to new participants. For weekly announcements, email congregation@duke.edu to join the mailing list.
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

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FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. Sundays. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.
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