Christmas Eve
Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2014
Eleven o’clock in the evening

Bridging Faith and Learning

Nativity Stained Glass, by Heguiabehere Vitralistas, a stained glass studio in Argentina.
www.hvitralistas.com.ar
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the instrumental voluntaries as a time of prayer and meditation. Please do not take flash photos or record videos during the service.

**Carillon Music**

**Instrumental Voluntaries**

Organ: Variations sur un Noël, Op. 20
Marcel Dupré
(1886–1971)

Harp: Concert variations on “Adeste Fideles”
Carlos Salzedo
(1885–1961)

Organ: La Nativité
Jean Langlais
(1907–1991)

Guitar: I Saw Three Ships
Traditional English Carol

Guitar: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night
Nahum Tate
(1652–1715)

Organ: Noël sur les Flûtes
Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694–1772)

*Opening Prayer*

*Opening Procession Carol*  
Once in Royal David’s City  
(Soloist only, stanza 1. All remain standing to sing stanzas 2–6.)  
Henry J. Gauntlett

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay,  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

Jesus is our childhood’s pattern; day by day, like us he grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.
Choir Anthem (congregation seated)

What Sweeter Music

What sweeter music can we bring,
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turn’d to May.

Why does the chilling winter’s morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn,
Thus on the sudden?

Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
’Tis he is born, whose quick’ning birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart,

Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honor; who’s our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

—Robert Herrick

First Lesson—Genesis 3:8–19 (OT page 3 in the pew Bible. At the close of each lesson, the lector will say, “This is the word of the Lord.” The Congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”)

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.

Read by the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Copeland

United Methodist Chaplain for Duke University and the Executive Director of the Duke Wesley Fellowship
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (congregation seated)
O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

SECOND LESSON—Genesis 22:15–18 (OT page 17)

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall
all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Read by Mr. Frank Coble
Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)
O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The king of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.

Christ is the Lord!
Then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

**Third Lesson—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (OT page 600)**

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshadowed.*

Read by Dr. Xi Lian
Professor of World Christianity at Duke Divinity School

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*Congregational Carol (congregation standing)*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Richard Storrs Willis

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It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heaven’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!
For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

—Edmund H. Sears

FOURTH LESSON—Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9 (OT page 602)

Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Read by the Rev. Fredrick Davis
Pastor, First Baptist Calvary Church in Durham’s West End

CHOIR ANTHEM (congregation seated)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke
(1888–1976)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

—Christina Rosetti


The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read by the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel
**Choir Anthem** (*congregation seated*)

Gabriel’s Message  
Basque Carol  
arr. Stephen Paulus  
(1949–2014)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.  
“All hail!” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favour’d lady.” Gloria!  
“For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold. Most highly favour’d lady.” Gloria!  
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said, “My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy name.” Most highly favour’d lady, Gloria!  
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born, in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say most highly favour’d lady, Gloria!  
Blessed Mother, gentle Mary, Gloria!

**Sixth Lesson**—Luke 2:1–7 *(NT page 54)*

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Read by Dr. Caroline Lattimore  
*Duke University Academic Dean, Retired*

**Congregational Carol** (*congregation seated*)

**Silent Night**  
*Stille Nacht*  
Franz Gruber

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.  
—Joseph Mohr

**Seventh Lesson**—Luke 2:8–17 *(NT pages 54–55)*

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Read by Dr. David Pittman  
*Director of Student Activities, Duke University*
**CHOIR ANTHEM** *(congregation seated)*

A Great and Mighty Wonder  
Charles Beaudrot  
(b. 1951)

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
A great and mighty wonder this royal feast day brings:
The virgin bears the infant, our Lord and King of kings!
The Word becomes incarnate, descending from on high,
While cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky,
And we with them triumphant repeat the hymn again:
“To God on high be glory and peace on earth. Amen!”

—St. Germanus, Tr. by John Mason Neale

**EIGHTH LESSON**—Matthew 2:1–12 *(NT pages 1–2)*

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Read by Ms. Camryn Smith  
*East Durham Community Organizer/Activist*

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL* *(congregation standing)*

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**  
ADESTE FIDELES  
John Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.*  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal.
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

**NINTH LESSON**—John 1:1–14 *(NT page 86, congregation standing)*

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

Read by Mr. Graeme Peterson  
*Trinity ’17, PathWays Chapel Scholar, Presbyterian Campus Ministry*
*Choir Anthem*

Hallelujah (from *Messiah*)

George Frederic Handel (1685–1759)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

—Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

*Benediction*

As you leave tonight, please consider donating to the Family Health Ministries and its ongoing work in Haiti. Ushers will have offering plates at all exits.

*Closing Procession: (congregation standing)*

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let us their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorn infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity.
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
**POSTLUDE**

Toccata on *vom himmel hoch*
(from Heaven Above to Earth I Come)  
Garth Edmundson  
(1892–1971)

**CARILLON MUSIC**

*All who are able may stand.*

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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 twelfth 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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE CHAPEL:

SUNDAY EDUCATION—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. There are three classes for children and youth and two classes for adults. All of these classes are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 4.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT NEXT SUNDAY—All are invited to remain after worship next Sunday, December 28, for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Chapel Lounge. Coffee will be provided; please bring a plate of cookies to share. Cookies may be dropped off in the lounge prior to worship. Enjoy the season with friends new and old!

MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER—The next opportunity to serve dinner at the Urban Ministries shelter is Sunday, January 11. We need at least ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas each time we serve. Please contact the Congregation office if you are able to help on January 11 from 6:15–8:00 p.m. congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917. First timers are welcome!

PASTORS AVAILABLE—If you wish to speak to a pastor regarding a spiritual or personal concern, please contact congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

ENews—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing programs and events of the Congregation. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.
Duke University Chapel

Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† There will be no tours of Duke Chapel after services tonight. Tours will take place after Sunday worship.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

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. each week. 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.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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