Welcome to all children who have come to follow the star to Bethlehem! As storytellers and musicians lead us in a celebration of Jesus’ birth, you will be invited to sing carols, ring bells, and journey to the manger. At the conclusion of the service, please exit by the side aisles and pick up your gift as you exit and leave your costume with us for safekeeping until next year. Thanks to the children of the Congregation at Duke Chapel for leading us in our worship.
Families are welcome to take photos of their children up by the altar and manger prior to the service until 1:45 p.m. No photographs will be permitted after the service.

The storytellers will prompt the congregation to sing at the appropriate times during the service.
If you need the assistance of the sign language interpreter, please sit near the front of the sanctuary.

Away in a Manger
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.
Refrain

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
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!”

Angels We have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Silent Night
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.
We Three Kings of Orient Are
We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

(Everyone is invited to join the processional around the Chapel when indicated by the storytellers. Please join in singing.)

Joy to the World
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!

The First Noel
The First Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

O Come, All Ye Faithful
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.

Please return to your seats after the processional. At the conclusion of the service, depart along the side aisles to allow for easier flow for the service to follow.

The Congregation at Duke University Chapel offers a full range of Christian life opportunities throughout the year. Christian education for all ages is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., resuming January 4th. Fellowship and service opportunities are also available. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up for the weekly electronic newsletter by sending an email to congregation@duke.edu or by calling 919-684-3917.
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Mr. Nicky Woodrum

Baby Jesus

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Angel of the Lord

Miss Hia Siu

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Donations are being accepted at the front entrance of the Chapel for Urban Ministries of Durham which helps to provide emergency shelter, food, and clothing for people living in poverty. Please give generously.