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.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**Entrance**

**Carillon Music**

**Organ Prelude**

Noël Polonais: Alexander Guilmant
Variations on “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (1837–1911)

Meditation on “Silent Night” David Conte
(b. 1955)

Go Tell it on the Mountain Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

**Choral Prelude**

O Come, Little Children arr. Ruth E. Dwyer and Martin L. Ellis

Ding-a Ding-a Ding Greg Gilpin

The Coventry Carol Traditional
arr. Victor C. Johnson

**Greeting and Announcements**

*Opening Procession: Hymn 234
O Come, All Ye Faithful* adeste fideles

**Proclamation**

*Opening Prayer*


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon—Immanent Glory**

**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 ANTHEMS

In Dulci Jubilo arr. Nancy Grundahl (b. 1946)
with In Dulci Jubilato and Sussex Carol

In dulci jubilo

Let us our homage show:
Our heart’s joy reclineth in praesepio;
And like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio,
Alpha es et O, Alpha es et O!
In jubilo, in dulci jubilo!

On Christmas night, all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King’s birth.
In jubilo, in dulci jubilo!

Ubi sund gaudia, O if they be not there?
There are angels singing Nova Cantica;
And there the bells are ringing in Regis curia.
O that we were there! O that we were there.
In jubilo, in dulci jubilo!

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.
Glory to God and peace to all.
Glory to God, to God and peace to all,
Mow and forever more. Amen.
In jubilo, in dulci jubilo!
O that we were there!

Angels! (Angels We Have Heard on High!) arr. Ken Berg (b. 1955)

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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

See Him in a manger laid, Him whose birth the angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

*DOXOLOGY

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
(Repeat refrain as needed.)
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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

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. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. 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

**HYMN 251**
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**HYMN 230**
O Little Town of Bethlehem

**HYMN 239**
Silent Night, Holy Night

**Prayer After Communion**

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Closing Procession: HYMN 246**
Joy to the World

**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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Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Lectors
Ms. Audrey Harlow
Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

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The Durham Children’s Choir
Ms. Dena Byers, director
Elia Nicholas, accompanist
Alayah Tedder, flute

Ministers of Anointing
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
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Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

Head Ushers
Mr. Rick Wilfong and Mr. Charles Roedel
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.

About Today’s Guest Choir—The Durham Children’s Choir is a community organization made up of outstanding young singers from elementary and middle schools, public and private, and home-schooled children, in the Durham and neighboring communities. Their mission is to learn a wide variety of high quality choral music, both sacred and secular, and to share that music with the community through public performances. The choir is under the direction of new Artistic Director, Dena Byers and was founded in 2004 with generous support from the Durham Arts Council, Duke University Chapel Music, Durham Public Schools, the BIN Charitable Foundation and supporters from the community. For more information on the choir, see the website at www.durhamchildrenschoir.org.

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.

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.

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 community to join in the journey of Christian discipleship throughout the year.

Duke Chapel Events Listserv—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, talks, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar, or send an email to Adrienne Koch at adrienne.koch@duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**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 from 6:15–8:00 p.m. 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. 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.

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*Duke Chapel Choir & Orchestra Pro Cantores*

**Duke Chapel** • **Sun. Mar 29, 4:00PM**

[link to ticket information]
**For Worshipers & Visitors**

- Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
- There will be no tours of Duke Chapel after services today. 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. 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.

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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