

Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Holy Communion December 24, 2011 Five-thirty in the evening

≈ Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God ≪



"Dawn," by Eric Gill, 1929.

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

Organ Prelude

Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

Noël sur les flûtes Noël grands jeux et duo Louis-Claude d'Aquin (1694-1772)

Christmas Chorale Preludes

J. S. Bach

Two settings of "From Heaven High to Earth I Come" Three settings of "In dulci jubilo"

CHORAL PRELUDE

Rui, Riu, Chiu

Spanish Carol arr. Linda Spevacek

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Slumber Song, adapted from Maria Wiegenlied

Max Reger

Angels We Have Heard On High!

French Carol arr. Ken Berg

Greeting

*Processional Hymn 234 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

PROCLAMATION

*Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson—John 1:1-14 (NT page 86 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—Christmas Is Really for the Grown-Ups

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 Infant Holy

Polish Carol arr. Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Away in a Manger

James R. Murray (1841-1905) arr. John Rutter

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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

All those who have become members of Christ's body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their 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. 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.

*The Lord's Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Music During Communion

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

HYMN 227

The Friendly Beasts

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

Hymn 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Hymn 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Hymn 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 246 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Postlude

Preacher

Improvisation on Antioch and John Gardner's dancing day

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

Lector Ms. Jessica Howsam

Trinity '12, PathWays Chapel Scholar

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Accompanist Ms. Jill Boliek

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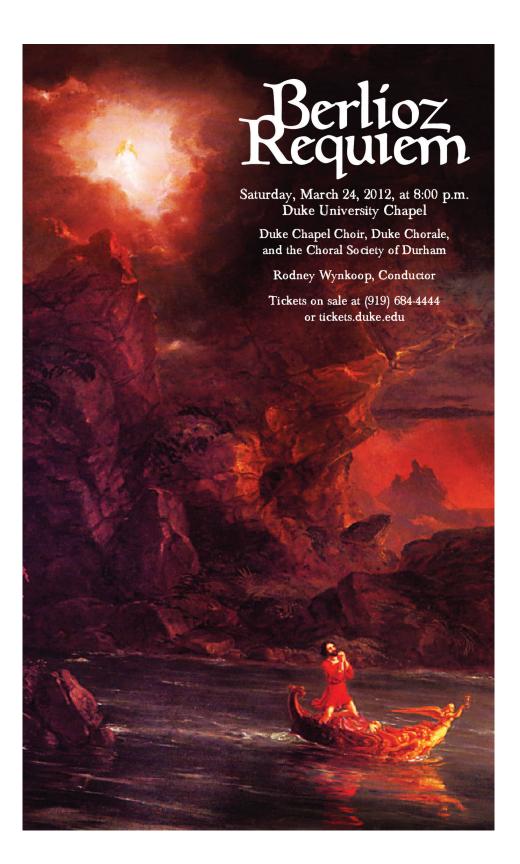
Announcements

ADVENT WREATH—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.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST CHOIR—The Durham Children's Choir is a community organization made up of outstanding young singers from the Durham and neighboring communities who are either home-schooled or attend elementary or middle schools. 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 was founded by Scott Hill, retired Durham Public Schools choral director, in May 2004. For more information on the choir, see the website at www.durhamchildrenschoir.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING AND PHOTOS ADORNING THE CHAPEL—The photographs hanging in Duke Chapel depict life in and around the Blanchard Health Clinic in Haiti, funded in large part by the generosity of those who attend the Duke Chapel Christmas Eve service each year. All of tonight's offering will go to the Family Health Ministries (FHM), which is a nonprofit agency founded by Duke medical doctor David Walmer and his wife Kathy. FHM provides medical care and support to the people of Haiti. In May 2004, an elevenperson group coordinated by the Congregation at Duke Chapel conducted a mission trip to Haiti. The purpose of the trip was to lay the foundation for the first and only medical clinic in the city of Blanchard, population 225,000. Many who now live in the community fled the violence of Cité Soleil, which is the poorest slum in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Blanchard Family Health Clinic continues to exist and grow due in great part to the generous annual offerings from the Chapel's Christmas Eve services, tonight being the eighth annual collection. 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. The residents of Blanchard have minimal access to acute care, sanitation, potable water, simple nutrition, family planning, and immunizations. Tonight, in the name of the Holy Infant who was born into poverty 2000 years ago, we hope to raise at least \$20,000 for the ongoing work of Family Health Ministries.

Sermons Available—Copies of tonight's sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on our website, www.chapel.duke.edu.



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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 are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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