Today we celebrate Epiphany, which is the climax of the twelve days of Christmas. The term epiphany is Greek for “to manifest” or “to show.” The Epiphany season is associated with the first manifestations of Jesus—to the wise men, in his presentation in the temple, in his baptism, to his disciples, in his first miracle. Today’s lesson from Isaiah speaks of the light that will arise upon all people. In Matthew, the wise men also follow a light—a star that guides them to the Christ child, revealing to the world that this small infant is Lord and King, worthy of praise and worship.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
Cuncti simus from Llibre Vermell ed. Ricardo Soto (b. 1956)
Hodie! Alleluia! Mary Lynn Lightfoot (b. 1947)
The Gift To Be Simple Bob Chilcott (b. 1945)
On This Still Silent Night Laura Farnell (b. 1976)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 254
We Three Kings KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE
(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Holy Father, Creator of the heavens, who led the magi by a star to worship the Christ child: lead us today as we hear your word; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey’s end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT page 649 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (stanzas 1-3, printed on opposite page)
Brightest and Best MORNING STAR
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)
Gospel lesson—Matthew 2:1-12 (NT pages 1-2)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn (stanzas 4-5, printed below)

Brightest and Best

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Sermon—A Triangular Faith

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 Anthem
Christmas Lullaby
John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem;
Angels are singing their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;
But only a mother and baby lie there.
Ave Maria, hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.
Ave Maria, maiden and mother of Jesus our King.
Where are his courtiers and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither scepter nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his scepter and love for his crown.
What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Savior by grace from above.

*Doxology
Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving and Communion

This morning we give thanks for the faculty of this university. We celebrate
their dedication to scholarship and their commitment to students and the art of
teaching. The ushers bring a doctoral cap to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those who are homeless and the organizations that work to
offer safe shelter and opportunities for home ownership. A representative brings a
blanket to the altar.

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Musical Setting A, on page 17 of the hymnal)

*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. The tradition as understood at Duke
Chapel is that the Holy Spirit makes Christ fully present in both the bread and
the wine. If you receive only the bread, be assured that you are nonetheless in
full communion with Christ and the Church. 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 DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN 224 (sung by all)**  
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
*IN DULCI JUBILO*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**  
What Child  
Paul W. Lohman  
(b. 1953)

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come peasant king to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
Let loving heart enthrone him.

*Prayer After Communion*

**SENDING FORTH**

*Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn 245*  
The First Noel  
*The First Noel*

**Postlude**  
Improvisation on *The First Noel*

**Carillon**  
*All who are able may stand.*
**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Presiding Ministers  
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer  
The Rev. Bruce Puckett  

Preacher  
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells  

Lectors  
Mr. John Boswell  
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Ms. Kristen Blackman  
*Member, Chapel Choir and Congregation at Duke Chapel*  

Organist  
Dr. David Arcus  

Guest Choir  
Greensboro Youth Chorus  
Ms. Ann Doyle, *Founding Conductor*  
Ms. Nana Wolfe-Hill, *Accompanist and Assistant Conductor*  

Soloists  
Morgan Hill, Taylor Hill, Zoe Little,  
Taylor Neese, Hayley Turner, Carolyn Van Wyk  

Ministers of Anointing  
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer  
The Rev. Kori Jones  
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp  

Head Ushers  
Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison  

Carillonneur  
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S FLOWERS**—The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel, the Advent Wreath, and the red poinsettias that adorn the balustrade are 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 to 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.

**TODAY’S OFFERING**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR**—The Greensboro Youth Chorus is a community-based choral program that includes young people in first through twelfth grades who love to sing. Students from dozens of schools come to sing with their friends in one of three ensembles that matches their musical ability. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Ann Doyle, an outstanding music faculty empowers young musicians through a challenging and diverse curriculum of the finest sacred and secular repertoire written for young voices. For twenty-three years, the Greensboro Youth Chorus has offered young artists world-class performance opportunities, a choral music experience that emphasizes musical excellence and character education.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Second Sunday Coffee Hour**—Next Sunday join friends old and new at the Second Sunday Coffee hour at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel basement kitchen. All are invited. There will be no Adult Forum next week, but it will meet again on January 16.

**DCRC Collection**—The Local Missions committee will be collecting items for the Durham Crisis Response Center. The Durham Crisis Response Center works to end domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, support, education, and prevention. Items to be collected are cleaning and laundry supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, twin sheets, pillows, pillowcases, socks, women’s underwear, and diapers (all sizes). Monetary donations will be accepted. If paying by check, please make payable to the Congregation at Duke Chapel and add “Durham Crisis Response Center” in the memo line. Donations may be dropped off on the back pew of the Chapel from January 9 through January 16.

**Young Adult/Professionals Dinner**—On Friday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m., young adults and professionals (20- and 30-somethings) from the Chapel will meet for a First Friday Dinner at Chipotle on Erwin Road in Durham. This is a low commitment opportunity to get to know some other young(ish) adults from the Chapel. Feel free to bring friends, spouses, and children. If you have questions, contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**Dinner at Urban Ministries**—Each month the Congregation provides a meal for homeless guests at Urban Ministries of Durham. If you would like to donate lasagnas, serve one of the next meals, or acquire more information, please contact Ned Arnett at 489-4133 or email edward.arnett@duke.edu.

**Questions People Often Ask - Why do we process into and out of the sanctuary?**

Throughout the Bible there is a tension between God’s people as a settled people, enjoying land, king, and temple and God’s people as a pilgrim nation, experiencing exodus, wilderness, and exile. Jesus comes to a people who are in internal exile under the Romans; he encourages them to leave aside everything and to follow him. Yet, we often forget we are a pilgrim people. And so in every act of worship we have a procession, in order to embody what it means to live the life of faith as a journey. The two most significant forms of companionship are to share a meal and to share a journey. Worship begins with one and ends with the other. Just as the Road to Emmaus was, in Luke, the first encounter with the risen Christ, so today breaking bread together helps us identify the God we meet on the journey.
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† 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.
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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. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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