Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The Epiphany season marks the “revealing” of Christ, and traditionally marks three events: the visit of the magi, Jesus’ baptism, and his transformation of water into wine at Cana, which John describes as “the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory.” Today’s passage from Isaiah speaks of a servant, God’s chosen, in whom God’s soul delights: “I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.” In the passage from Acts, Peter describes the good news that Jesus was chosen to bring salvation to all people, not just Israel. The gospel describes Jesus’ baptism by John in the Jordan.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

Prelude
In This Very Room Ron and Carol Harris
City Called Heaven Josephine Poelinitz
Dormi Jesu Conor O’Reilly
Hodi, Christus natus est Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Ave Maria Kevin A. Memley (b. 1971)

GREETING

*ProcesSional Hymn 605
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters Beach Spring

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate
The parents of Cora Marie Stephenson bring her forward for baptism. The congregation responds by reading the passages in bold.

Prayer (in unison)
Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the gate of heaven and revealed yourself as Father by calling Jesus your beloved Son, and sending upon him in baptism the dove of your Holy Spirit; you claimed us as your children when you brought us to your freedom through the waters of baptism. Come among us now as we renew the covenant made with you then, and empower us to live the redeemed life to which you call us.

Making and Renewing Our Decision to Follow Christ
Do you turn to Christ as Savior, Lord, and Friend?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of all your sins?
I repent of all my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.
**PRAYER OVER THE WATER AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The minister blesses the waters of baptism.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
**I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?
**I believe and trust in God the Son.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?
**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**BAPTISM**

**COMMISSIONING**

*The minister offers a prayer of commissioning and invites this response:*

Sheltering God, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround us with your love; protect us from evil; fill us with your Holy Spirit; and restore us in the family of your Church, that we may walk in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

*PEACE*

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**

*Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: as we hear your word this morning, may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 42:1-9 (OT page 630 in the pew Bible)**

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM**

*Peace Like A River*  
Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Mack Wilberg  
(b. 1955)

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got faith like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got hope like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got love like a river in my soul.
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Acts 10:34-43 (NT page 121)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 252 (stanza 1)
When Jesus Came to Jordan
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 3:13-17 (NT page 3)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 252 (stanzas 2-3)
When Jesus Came to Jordan

SERMON—Identity Theft

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.”)

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Down to the River to Pray Appalachian Folk Song
arr. Philip Lawson (b. 1957)

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let’s go down,
Let’s go down, come on down,
O sisters let’s go down,
Down in the river to pray.

O brothers let’s go down,
Let’s go down, come on down,
Come on brothers let’s go down,
Down in the river to pray.

O fathers let’s go down,
Let’s go down, come on down,
O fathers let’s go down,
Down in the river to pray.
O mothers let’s go down,
Let’s go down, don’t you want to go down,
Come on mothers let’s go down,
Down in the river to pray.

O sinners let’s go down,
Let’s go down, come on down,
O sinners let’s go down,
Down in the river to pray.

*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**

This morning we give thanks for the Duke University Management Company (DUMAC). We celebrate its dedication and prudence in carefully managing the endowment and financial resources that preserve the University’s future. The ushers bring an investment portfolio to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those who have crossed national and international borders in search of new life. Members of a Montagnard refugee family bring their handcrafts to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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

**Sending Forth**

*Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn 610*

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

**Postlude**

*Nun danket alle Gott* (Marche triomphale)  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
(1877-1933)

*All who are able may stand.*
Today’s Flowers—The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Montagnard education fund. The Chapel and the Congregation have sponsored four refugee families from Vietnam in the last several years. These families face quite a challenge to adapt to life in America when they don’t speak English. While children have some special training through school ESL programs, working parents with children face challenges in attending scheduled classes, preparing meals and running a household. The Chapel and Congregation assist them with paid certified tutors in their homes, and focuses specifically on key subjects such as jobs, shopping, finance, teacher conferences, driving, etc. Please help support this work of language education which is a key to better jobs and a rewarding life in America.

Christ in the Desert Spring Break Trip—The Duke Chapel PathWays program is sponsoring a trip for undergraduates to the Christ in the Desert Monastery in the mountains of New Mexico from March 5-11, led by the Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer. Students will spend their spring break immersed in the rhythms of prayer, rest, and work that shape the monastic life. Find applications at www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways. The application deadline is January 21, 2011.

PathWays Summer Internships or 10-month Fellowships—Attention students and young alumni who are interested in listening to the heart of God while living in the heart of Durham. Apply today to be a PathWays Summer Intern or a 10-month Fellow. Interns and fellows enjoy living in the PathWays House while working in the private or public sector, in non-profits, churches, and faith-based organizations. This is an opportunity to deepen faith while exploring vocation in Christian community and growing in friendship with our neighbors in Durham. Stipend and housing provided. For an application and details, visit www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways. Or contact the Rev. Keith Daniel, kd1@duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Adult Forum—On January 16, the Rev. Dr. Fred Westbrook, who assists Duke Chapel with its media ministries will speak on a Theology of Communication. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

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 also 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 through January 16.

Short Term Study with Antioch Baptist—On Wednesdays during the month of February, the Congregation will be joining members from Antioch Baptist Church for a study of Pauli Murray’s book Proud Shoes. All are invited to be part of this study. For more information, contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.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.

Open Table Ministries—The Congregation is looking for individuals who are interested in helping Lisa Lark in her ministry to homeless people on Ninth Street. This ministry provides a meal on Tuesdays each week at 4 p.m. If you are interested in visiting, occasionally bringing food, or serving in any other way, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or at 684-3917.

Stephen Ministry—Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one confidential care-giving to individuals in crisis. To receive care from a Stephen Minister, to make a referral for someone else, or to find out how to become trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett.

Children’s Ministry—Godly Play meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Children entering second grade or younger meet in the crypt. Those in the third to fifth grades meet in the York Reading Room on the second floor of Duke Divinity School. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.
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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