Service of Worship
Christmas Day
December 25, 2011
Eleven o’clock in the morning

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

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 Nativity,” by the Master of Salzburg, c. 1400.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

HARP PRELUDE
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence     Traditional French Carol
                          arr. Anita Burroughs-Price
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus          Rowland Prichard
                                  (1811-1887)
                          arr. Burroughs-Price
Angels We Have Heard on High         Traditional French Carol
                          arr. Burroughs-Price

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220
   Angels from the Realms of Glory        REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

   Lord have mercy.
   Lord have mercy.

   Christ have mercy.
   Christ have mercy.

   Lord have mercy.
   Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
   God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
as we hear your word this morning, gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT page 600 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HARP ANTHEM
What Child Is This
Traditional French Carol
arr. Marcel Samuel-Rousseau
(1882-1955)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Titus 2:11-14 (NT page 202-03)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 224 (stanza 1)
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:1-14 (NT pages 54-55)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 224 (stanzas 2-3)
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

SERMON—All We Want for Christmas

RESPONSE

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day
he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the com-
munion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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
Variations pastorales sur “un vieux Noel” Traditional French Carol
arr. Samuel-Rousseau

*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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 246
Joy to the World

Organ Postlude
Improvisation on Antioch and John Gardner’s Dancing Day

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

Ministry of Worship

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The Rev. Robin Arcus

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Jeff Harrison

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
TODAY’S FLOWERS—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.

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING AND PHOTOS ADORNING THE CHAPEL—The photographs hanging in Duke Chapel depict life in and around the Blanchard Health Clinic in Haiti. All of today’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 11-person 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 services, today being part the eighth annual Christmas 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. Today, 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.

DEAN WELLS INTERVIEW ON UNC TV—Bill Friday of UNC TV interviewed Dean Sam Wells on the meaning of Christmas and the state of our world. You may watch the broadcast on the local PBS station today at 5:30 p.m., or access it online at http://video.unctv.org/.

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

EPHPHANY PARTY—The Fellowship Committee invites Congregation members to join in a celebration Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 8, at 12:30 p.m. Help ring in the new year by feasting and singing with Congregation friends old and new. The gathering will be at the Cranford House, 704 N. Buchanan Blvd. Congregation members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share, adequate for 8-10 people. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Parking will be available on side streets or in any of the parking lots on East Campus. No reservations required.
Duke University Chapel

Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and 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, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu.

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