The scripture lessons for the first Sunday of Christmas open with the phrase “I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord”—a fitting passage to acknowledge God’s overflowing kindness in the gift of his son Jesus. The author of Hebrews points to the ways in which Jesus identifies with us in our humanity. In the words of early church historian Irenaeus “He became what we are, that we might become what he is.” The lesson from Matthew shows that Jesus’ suffering began early. As King Herod seeks to kill the children of Israel, Jesus becomes a child refugee and his family is forced from their homeland out of fear.
**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._

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**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 are available at the sound board and a Braille hymnal is 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 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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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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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At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel, located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Memorial Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE
Toccata in E Minor  
Johann Pachelbel  
(1653 - 1706)

PRELUDE
Christmas Medley  
arr. David Taubner

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing  
We Three Kings of Orient Are  
Away in a Manger

Alleluia  
Ralph Manuel  
(b. 1951)  
arr. Victoria Jicha

Joy to the World  
Lowell Mason  
(1792-1872)  
arr. Dorsey & Holcombe

GREETING

*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.  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.

Lord 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)

Holy Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: as we hear your word
today, 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 63:7-9 (page 652 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Little Town of Bethlehem  Lewis Redner
(1831-1908)
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Hebrews 2:10-18 (page 205)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 221 (stanzas 1-2)

In the Bleak Midwinter  CRANHAM
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 2:13-23 (page 2)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 221 (stanzas 3-4)

In the Bleak Midwinter  CRANHAM

SERMON—On the Road Again

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 communion 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
Go, Tell It on the Mountain Spiritual
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

*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 Nasher Museum of Art. We celebrate the
total of the exhibitions continue to enlighten and enrich both the University and the
community. A representative brings a photograph of artwork from the upcoming
"El Greco" exhibition to the altar
In Durham we lift up those among us who have crossed national and interna-
tional borders in search of new life. The Congregation’s adopted refugee family
brings hand crafts made by family members to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 224
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

Postlude
Noel X Louis-Claude D’Aquin
Grand Jeu et Duo (1694-1772)

*All who are able may stand.

Ministry of Worship
Presiding Minister The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells
Preacher The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark
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Ms. Tamela Davis
Members, the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Organists Ms. Elizabeth Ferree Clark (prelude)
Dr. Tom Clark III
Guest Musicians The Raleigh Flute Choir
Carillonneur Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Head Ushers Mr. Leroy McRae and Mr. Charlie Roedel
FLOWERS—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—Today’s offering will support the Director of Chapel Music Endowment, which helps to sustain a vital and dynamic music ministry in Duke Chapel. It also provides professional support to the Director, in order to maintain a unique and challenging environment of learning and artistry for participants and congregation alike. We are less than $40,000 away from our $1 million goal.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIANS—Since its founding in 1986, the Raleigh Flute Choir has been inspiring audiences of all types with its extensive and polished repertoire. Some of their significant venues over the years have been the Biltmore Estate, Colonial Williamsburg, Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, the National Flute Association Convention, and The White House Christmas celebrations.

BROADCASTS—Thanks to the Friends of Duke Chapel, the Sunday service is broadcast live every week over AM 620 WDNC and one week later on Raleigh station AM 570 WDOX and Franklin County station AM 1480 WYRN at 10:00 a.m. The service is also available on the web via streaming video at www.chapel.duke.edu. The service is broadcast live on patient TV channel 50 in Duke Hospital.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

ADULT FORUM—Next Sunday, January 6, the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark, pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel, will speak on Sabbath Living. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY—Sunday school classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. For more information, contact McKennon Shea, Youth Director, at mckennon@mckennon.net or 870-818-5604.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY—Godly Play, a Christian education and spiritual direction program for children ages 2-11, meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel Crypt. For more information, contact Elizabeth Clift at elizabeth.clift@gmail.com.