Christmas Eve
Service of Carols and
Holy Communion
December 24, 2009
Five-thirty in the evening

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 family this season, we seek to capture the joy and wonder of the original gift of Christmas: God, out of his lavish abundance, came to 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
  - Louis-Claude d’Aquin (1694-1772)
- Noël grands jeux et duo
  - J. S. Bach

**Christmas Chorale Preludes**
- Two settings on “From Heaven High to Earth I Come”
- Three settings on “In dulci jubilo”

**Choral Prelude**
- Sing We Now of Christmas
  - French Carol
  - arr. Becki Slagle Mayo
- O Come Little Children
  - German Carol
  - arr. David Gardiniere
- Zumba, Zumba
  - Spanish Carol
  - adapted by Marie Stultz

**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**—A Present for Everybody

**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
Never A Child As He
James Niblock
(b. 1917)
arr. David Brunne

Never so lovely a child as he, born in a stable lowly.
Never a face so fair to see, child of all most holy.
Humble his birth, yet King to be,
Never a child as he.
Out on the hillside shepherds did pray;
Wise men their gifts were bringing.
Led by a star to where he lay,
Child of the angels singing,
Never a child as he.
Never on earth a night like this,
Angels and shepherds in chorus.
Never a birth as awesome as his;
Heaven is opened before us.
God’s own Son abiding here,
Never a gift so dear.
Never a child as he.

Gloria in excelsis
French Carol
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Sing glory to God on high, and on earth be peace, goodwill.
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.

*Doxology
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
(Repeat refrain as needed.)

Thanksgiving and Communion

*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. 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 217
Away in a Manger

Hymn 240
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 239
Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn 230
O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 246
Joy to the World

Postlude
Dieu parmi nous (God with Us)  Olivier Messiaen
from La Nativité du Seigneur (The Birth of Our Lord)  (1908-1992)

*All who are able may stand.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
The Rev. Abby Kocher
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

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The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

Lector
Mr. John Boswell

Organist
Dr. David Arcus

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The Durham Children’s Choir

Guest Choir Director
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Ms. Laura Roberson

Violinist
Ms. Cecelia Tannous-Taylor

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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Ministers of Anointing
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark
The Rev. Robin Arcus

PHOTOGRAPHS ADORNING THE CHAPEL THIS EVENING

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. In late 2003, Family Health Ministries (FHM), a nonprofit organization established by Dr. David Walmer of Duke Medical Center, learned of the need for a health clinic in Blanchard. This Haitian suburb with 225,000 residents is overwhelmed with poverty. Today, a staff of nine sees patients five days a week, addressing many of the health issues that plague Haitian families, providing not only care for illness and injury, but also preventive health services. The Congregation at Duke Chapel is in the process of planning a mission trip to Haiti with Family Health Ministries in June. If you would like to participate, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.
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—The whole of tonight’s offering will go to 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 eleven-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 part to the generous annual offerings from the Chapel’s Christmas Eve services, tonight being the seventh annual collection. 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 in Haiti.

Goodbye Abby Kocher—This evening represents the last occasion when our community minister, the Rev. Abby Kocher will preside at a Chapel worship service. Abby started working for the Chapel in July 2006, and has developed countless relationships within the Durham and Duke communities. Abby leaves to join her husband, Craig, in Richmond, VA. Her wisdom and gentle spirit will be greatly missed.

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.

Habitat House—The Duke Habitat for Humanity chapter and the Congregation at Duke Chapel are nearing completion of the house they have been building this fall. There is a final push to the finish in the month of January. If you are interested in volunteering in the new year, please contact Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.
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. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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Duke University Chapel Celebrates
75 Years

Join us for a weekend of events in celebration of
the 75th anniversary
of the dedication of Duke Chapel

Saturday, April 17, 2010
Laying Foundations, Living Faith Celebration
Duke Chapel
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
All are invited to a reception and viewing of a short film documenting
the past, present, and future of Duke Chapel,
with remarks by Duke Chapel Dean Sam Wells.

Sunday, April 18, 2010
Sunday Morning Worship
Duke Chapel
11:00 am
With Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the UMC and
former Dean of Duke Chapel Will Willimon preaching

Sunday, April 18, 2010
75th Anniversary Concert
Duke Chapel
4:00 pm
Performance of Duruflé Requiem by the Duke Chapel Choir
Rodney Wynkoop, conducting
Plus anthems from throughout the Chapel’s 75 years
with all the choirs and organists of Duke Chapel

Tickets available March 1 at
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