Welcome to all children who have come to follow the star to Bethlehem! As storytellers and musicians lead us in a celebration of Jesus’ birth, you will be invited to sing carols, ring bells, and journey to the manger. At the conclusion of the service, please pick up your gift at the front doors of the Chapel as you exit and leave your costume with us for safekeeping until next year. Thanks to the children’s classes of the Congregation at Duke Chapel for leading us in our worship.
The storytellers will prompt the congregation to sing at the appropriate times during the service. If you need the assistance of the sign language interpreter, please sit near the front of the sanctuary.

Away in a Manger
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay. The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere! Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Refrain
The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth.
Refrain

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Angels We have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Silent Night
Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

(Everyone is invited to join the processional around the Chapel when indicated by the storytellers. Please join in singing.)

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

He Is Born

He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.
Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!
He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The Children’s Ministry, offered by The Congregation at Duke University Chapel, is open to all. Activities include Sunday mornings classes each week at 9:45 a.m. for ages 2 through 11, service and mission projects, seasonal celebrations, and participation in Duke Chapel services. For more information, call 919-684-3917 or email: shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.
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- Mr. Prince Taylor

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- Miss Sophie Marcom

Joseph
- Mr. Sam Marcom

Angel of the Lord
- Miss Eryn Dennehy

Angels
- Miss Gabriella Cochran
- Miss Amanda Heffley
- Miss Holly Pennington
- Miss Stephanie Wells

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- Mr. Giovanni Gulloto
- Mr. Marco Gulloto

Wiseman
- Mr. Ryan Gaudet
- Mr. Laurence Wells
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- Ms. Treva Haynes

Bagpiper
- Mr. Bruce Wright

Clarinetist
- Miss. Emily Wirzba

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- Mr. Philip Snyder
- Miss. Anna Wirzba

Harpist
- Dr. Tim Isley

Pianist
- The Rev. Philip Pennington

Organist
- Dr. David Arcus

Carillonneur
- Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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Donations are being accepted at the front entrance of the Chapel for Urban Ministries of Durham which helps to provide emergency shelter, food, and clothing for people living in poverty. Please give generously.