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 into 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 of “From Heaven High to Earth I Come”*

*Three settings of “In dulci jubilo”*

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*  
French Carol  
arr. Martin Shaw

*Snow Carol*  
German Carol  
arr. Audrey Snyder

*The Angel Choir and the Trumpeter*  
Chris Dedrick  
arr. John Leavitt

**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—The Most Important Word**

**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
Gesù Bambino
Pietro A. Yon
(1886-1943)
arra. Linda Spevacek

When blossoms flowered amid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas rose, the King of Love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced.
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The Friendly Beasts
French Carol
arr. Carlton R. Young

Jesus, our brother, strong and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood.
I, said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
I carried his mother uphill and down,
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town.
I, said the cow, all white and red,
I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.
I, said the sheep with curly horn,
I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
I, said the dove from the rafters high,
I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.
Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
In the stable dark were glad to tell
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

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

Thanksgiving and Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Musical Setting A, on page 17 of the hymnal)
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Leader gives thanks, remembering God’s acts of salvation and concludes:*

...Give us such joy and peace in your company that our hearts join the angels in the Christmas sky and around your eternal throne singing their hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Leader continues, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit, and recalling the institution of the Lord’s Supper. The leader concludes:*

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*The Leader praises the Trinity, concluding:*

...through whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

*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. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. 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.)
### Ministry of Worship

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| Presiding Ministers            | The Rev. Bruce Puckett  
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp                                                   |
| Preacher                       | The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells                                            |
| Lector                         | Mr. Frank Coble                                                       |
| Organist                       | Dr. David Arcus                                                      |
| Guest Choir                    | The Durham Children’s Choir                                          |
| Soloist                        | Mr. Grey Lehman, soprano                                             |
| Guest Choir Director           | Ms. Scott Hill and Ms. Dena Byers                                    |
| Accompanists                   | Ms. Marina Garbutt and Mr. Christopher Camitta                        |
| Guest Musicians                | DCCB Pure Brass Quintet  
Ms. Kathy Silbiger and Mr. Jack Walker, trumpets                      |
|                                | Mr. Tom Shaffer, french horn  
Mr. Blair Chesnut, trombone  
Mr. Bill Austin, tuba                                                   |
| Ministers of Anointing         | The Rev. Kori Jones  
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp  
The Rev. Robin Arcus                                                   |
| Carillonneur                   | Mr. J. Samuel Hammond                                                |
| Head Ushers                    | Mr. Leroy McRae and Mr. Charles Roedel                              |

**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**

Improvisation on Antioch and John Gardner’s Dancing Day

*All who are able may stand.*
Announcements

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 and Photos Adorning the Chapel—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. All of tonight’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 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 great part to the generous annual offerings from the Chapel’s Christmas Eve services, tonight being the seventh annual 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. 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 Blanchard, Haiti.

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.
Felix Mendelssohn

St. Paul

Duke Chapel Choir, Duke Chorale, and Orchestra
Rodney Wynkoop, conductor

Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in Duke University Chapel

Tickets on sale in February 2011 at www.tickets.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. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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