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 try to capture the joy and wonder of the original gift of Christmas—God, who 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

Christmas Chorale Preludes
From Heaven High to Earth I Come, BWV 606, 738
In dulci jubilo, BWV 751, 608, 729
J. S. Bach

CHORAL PRELUDE
A Christmas Birthday
Janeal Teander

Christus vincit
Latin chant
arr. Amalie McCrae

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
arr. Harry Simeone

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 (page 86 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—And Was Made Man

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
A La Puerto Del Cielo
New Mexican Lullaby
arr. Melissa Roth

At the gate of heaven little shoes they are selling,
For the little bare-footed angels there dwelling.
Slumber my child, slumber.
God helps the children that sleep in their beds,
God helps the mothers that bow down their heads.
Slumber my child, slumber.

Angels Are Singing
Traditional Polish Folk Tune
arr. Lloyd Larson

Angels are singing, “Glory in the highest!”
Heaven is ringing with the sound of music!
Angels are singing, echoes are ringing;
As they are winging, still they keep singing,
“Glory be to Jesus! He has come to free us!
Christ the Lord is born today!”
Come to the manger, kneel down before Him.
As He is sleeping, worship and adore Him.
Sing “Alleluia!”, celebrate this wonder.
Sing loud “Hosanna!” to the tiny baby.
Christ the Lord is born! Alleluia!

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

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(The presiding minister will sing the text in regular type, and the congregation will stand and sing the text in bold type.)

Our Lord God is with us, lift your hearts and voices high,
let us give thanks to the Lord everywhere and at all times:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

God, all glory be to you at this blessed Christmas time,
for the gift of your own Son, born a poor child, peasant King.
For the love you sent to us, for the life he shared with us,
for the sacrifice he made, Lord of lords, and King of kings.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

On the night he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took the bread,
blessed and broke it as he said, “Take and eat, this is my flesh.”
After supper, took the cup, gave you thanks, and giving said,
“Drink this cup, it is my blood, poured for you and everyone.”
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
When we eat this holy bread, when we drink this holy wine, we his presence sense anew, and his victory await. We remember and proclaim what your Son has done for us, in his life and in his death, as he rises and ascends. **Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Now accept our sacrifice as surrender of ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit down on us here and on our gifts. Help us through this bread and wine to know the presence of our Christ. Make us one with him today and with humankind, we pray. **Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*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 would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.*

**Music During Communion**

(The congregation will sing the following hymns during the distribution.)

**Hymn 217**

Away in a Manger  **AWAY IN A MANGER**

**Hymn 240**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing  **MENDELSSOHN**

**Hymn 239**

Silent Night, Holy Night  **STILLE NACHT**

**Hymn 230**

O Little Town of Bethlehem  **ST. LOUIS**

*Prayer After Communion*

**Sending Forth**

*Recessional Hymn 246*

Joy to the World  **ANTIOCH**

*Benediction*

*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.*
PHOTOS 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 next year. If you would like to participate, please contact the Rev. McKennon Shea at 684-3917 or email mckennon.shea@duke.edu.
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 DPS choral director, in May 2004. For more information on the choir, see the website at www.durhamchildrenschoir.org.

Christmas Eve Offering—All 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 sixth annual collection. Ongoing funding is crucial to continue to address the unmet need 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.

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.

Choral Vespers Ensemble Concert—On Sunday, January 11, at 4:00 p.m. the Vespers Ensemble will present their European Tour Concert in Duke Chapel. The concert will feature German and Czech Renaissance Music, German and American Carols, and the American premiere of Paul Leary’s *Dum medium silentium*. The admission is free.

Community Engagement—Duke Chapel has an email list for those interested in building friendships across boundaries and engaging with the West End and greater Durham community. Opportunities will be emailed from Duke Chapel’s Director of University and Community Relations Gaston Warner and Community Minister Abby Kocher. To subscribe to the list, contact Gaston Warner at g.warner@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.
† 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. 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 (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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