



DUKE  
UNIVERSITY  
CHAPEL

# Service of Worship

Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2007

Eleven o'clock in the morning

∞ *Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God* ∞

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*"John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness," by Gustave Doré, 1865*

A new world is coming. The scripture lessons for today each carry a theme of promise and hope. In Isaiah a healthy shoot emerges from the people who were cut dry, and there is hope of a new ruler to come. In his letter to the Romans, Paul gives hope to the Gentiles who will be grafted into God's covenant people through Christ. Matthew's gospel reveals the radical message of John the Baptist, who calls people to repentance and offers baptism as a sign of cleansing and new life.



## 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.

*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](http://www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu)*

## STAFF OF DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells *Dean of the Chapel*

### Student Ministry and Chapel Worship

The Rev. Craig Kocher *Associate Dean of the Chapel and Director of Religious Life*  
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer *Worship Coordinator*  
The Rev. Patrick Thompson *Director of Black Campus Ministries*

### Chapel Music

Dr. Rodney Wynkoop *Director of Chapel Music*  
Dr. Robert Parkins *University Organist*  
Dr. David Arcus *Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist*  
Dr. Allan Friedman *Assistant Conductor and Administrative Coordinator of Chapel Music*  
Mr. John Santojanni *Curator of Organs and Harpsichords*  
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond *University Carillonneur*  
Ms. Meredith Hawley *Administrative Secretary for Chapel Music*

### Community Engagement

The Rev. Gaston Warner *Director of University and Community Relations*  
The Rev. Abby Kocher *Community Minister*  
Ms. Mandie Sellars *Manager of Chapel Communications*

### PathWays Program

The Rev. Keith Daniel *Director of Duke Chapel PathWays*  
Ms. Becky Smith *Staff Assistant to PathWays*

### Chapel Administration

Ms. Lucy Worth *Director of Development and Administration*  
Ms. Mollie Keel *Chapel Events Coordinator and Director of Weddings*  
Ms. Emily Wilson-Hauger *Staff Assistant to the Deans and Faith Council Coordinator*  
Ms. Jackie Andrews *Accounting Specialist*  
Ms. Bonnie McWilliams *Staff Assistant to the Director of Development and Administration*  
Mr. Oscar Dantzler and Mr. William Earl *Housekeepers*

### Staff of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel

The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark *Pastor*  
Ms. Elizabeth Clift *Director of Children's Ministry*  
Mr. McKennon Shea *Director of Youth Ministry*

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

#### CARILLON MUSIC

#### PRELUDE

Spaseniye sodelal Pavel Chesnokov  
(*Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.*) (1877-1944)

Salve Regina Javier Busto  
(b. 1949)

Some Children See Him arr. Alfred Burt

Personent hodie John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

#### GREETING

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL  
(*all stanzas: stanza 3 sung by men, stanza 4 by women, all sing the refrain*)

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*in unison*)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The minister speaks words of assurance.*

#### \*PEACE

*(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)*

### PROCLAMATION

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, as we hear your word today, purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 11:1-10 (*page 602 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 15:4-13 (*page 153*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*GRADUAL HYMN 203 (*stanzas 1-2*)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

\*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 3:1-12 (*page 2*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*GRADUAL HYMN 203 (*stanzas 3-4*)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

SERMON—An Alternative World . . . at Hand

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

Angels' Carol

Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices  
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?  
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly  
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?  
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven  
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,  
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;  
He is come in joy like the sun at morning  
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.  
He is come in love as the child of Mary;  
In a simple stable we have seen his birth:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear the angels singing, "Peace on earth."

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,  
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;  
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations  
When he comes to reign in purity and love.  
Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming;  
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing, "Christ is born."

\*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*This morning we give thanks in the University for the Duke School of Nursing— for its commitment to excellence in nursing sciences, clinical care and research, and its desire to touch lives and offer transforming care to those suffering from illness and disease. A representative brings a white nurse's cap to the altar.*

*In Durham, we give thanks for and lift up the many health ministries of the triangle region who work locally and globally to provide medical care and attention to those in need. A representative brings a gauze bandage to the altar.*

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(Page 17 in the hymnal. The congregation sings the responses.)*

\*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 DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 184

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria  
(1548-1611)

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger! O blessed Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

POSTLUDE

Fugue on *Vom Himmel hoch da komm' ich her*, BWV 700  
(From "Heaven Above to Earth I Come") Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

CARILLON MUSIC

*\*All who are able may stand.*

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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Craig Kocher The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann <i>Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary</i>
Lectors	Ms. Amanda Swearingen <i>Trinity '08; President of the Chapel Choir</i> Mr. Andrew Crewson <i>Trinity '09</i>
Organist	Dr. Thomas Clark III
Guest Musicians	Cantabile Singers of the Capital City Girls Choir Dr. Fran M. Page, <i>Director</i> Ms. Alicia Reed, <i>Harpist</i> Ms. Brenda Fernandez, <i>Pianist</i>
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann as the Howard Wilkinson distinguished guest preacher. Dr. Brueggemann is professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. and a ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He is widely regarded as the most influential contemporary scholar interpreting the Old Testament in the life of the church. He is the author of many books on the Old Testament, theology, Christian education, and preaching. Some of his recent works include *Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church*; *An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination*; *The Prophetic Imagination*, and commentaries on Genesis, Deuteronomy, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Isaiah, and Jeremiah.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel the Chapel's Sunday Night Worship service will be hosting an ecumenical service of Lessons and Carols. The service is student-led and will feature a creative telling of the Advent story through scripture, song, and symbols. A reception will follow the service in the Divinity School's Alumni Memorial Commons Room.

## CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS—The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel, the Advent Wreath, and the red poinsettias that adorn the balustrade are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

TODAY'S OFFERING—The whole of today's offering will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development. Recent groups supported include Amani Children's Home in Tanzania and the local Capital Restorative Justice Project. Last week's Mission of the Month offering collected \$5,300 for the Alliance of AIDS Services - Carolina.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIANS—Cantabile Singers is the advanced choir of the Capital City Girls Choir, a vocal and music training program for girls from Raleigh and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College. The choir has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and Canada.

STUDENT PREACHER SUNDAY—Sunday, February 24, 2008, is Student Preacher Sunday at Duke Chapel. A Duke undergraduate student will be selected to preach at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service in Duke Chapel. All Duke undergraduates are welcome to apply. Application guidelines can be found at [www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways). The submission deadline is noon on Friday, January 18, 2008.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKLY SERVICES—The Tuesday Communion Service, Choral Vespers, Morning Prayer, and Sunday Night Worship will not meet over the Christmas break. These services will resume their regular schedule at the start of the spring semester, which begins on Wednesday, January 9.

SPRING BREAK AT THE CHRIST IN THE DESERT MONASTERY—Are you seeking to deepen your prayer life? The Duke Chapel Pathways program is sponsoring a trip for undergraduates to the Christ in the Desert Monastery in the mountains of New Mexico. Students will spend five days immersed in the rhythms of prayer, rest, and work that shape the monastic life. The Rev. Abby Kocher will be leading this trip. Space constraints limit the team to only six students. The cost is \$250 plus some meals. Find applications at [www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways) or by contacting [abby.kocher@duke.edu](mailto:abby.kocher@duke.edu). The application deadline is January 25, 2008.

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](http://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**—On December 16, the Rev. Dr. Richard Hays, New Testament scholar, will speak on “The Christmas Story: Challenge to the Empire?” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m. All are invited.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY CARD SALE AND LIVING GIFT MARKET**—Today is the last day to find the Heifer International table outside the front entrance of the Chapel following worship. Heifer International works to end hunger and care for the earth by providing life-sustaining farm animals, education, and support to impoverished families around the world. The children and youth of the Congregation are sponsoring a holiday card sale and Living Gift Market to benefit Heifer International. Animals may be purchased in honor of friends or family as an alternative gift for the holiday season. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

**BETHLEHEM IMPORTS**—The Congregation is sponsoring the sale of Bethlehem Imports products: beautiful hand-carved olive wood ornaments, nativity sets, figurines, crucifixes, and more, imported directly from Bethlehem. All proceeds go to support economically struggling Christian Palestinian artisans and local mission organizations. Today after worship is the last time for sales.

**LIVING NATIVITY**—The children and youth of The Congregation at Duke University Chapel invite you to attend the annual performance of “A Living Nativity,” December 16 at 3:00 p.m. Please join in celebrating the birth of Jesus in a special outdoor setting at the Clark Farm in Bahama. For directions, see the bulletin board beside the Congregation office, Room 031 in the Chapel basement.

**DECEMBER EVENTS AT DUKE CHAPEL**

**TODAY at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concert**  
\$15 adults, free for full-time students

**DECEMBER 20 ~ 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Duke Chapel by Candlelight**  
Enjoy the beauty of the Chapel by candlelight,  
and enjoy seasonal organ and carillon music.

**DECEMBER 19 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Open Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Community Choir**  
All singers welcome