



DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 23, 2007

Eleven o'clock in the morning

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



The Virgin Mary and Jesus icon plaque

The season of Advent is a time of waiting on the promises of God. The God who has drawn near to Israel is about to draw nearer still in the form of a baby. The scripture lessons emphasize the promises that are to be fulfilled. Isaiah foretells the birth of a child to be called Immanuel, meaning "God with us." The introduction to Paul's letter to the Romans reveals how Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise and opened the door of salvation to Gentiles as well as Jews. In Matthew, Joseph is visited in the night with the strange message of Jesus' coming birth, and he responds God by asking Mary to become his wife.



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.

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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*
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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*
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 Mr. J. Samuel Hammond *University Carillonner*
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Community Engagement

The Rev. Gaston Warner *Director of University and Community Relations*
 The Rev. Abby Kocher *Community Minister*
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PathWays Program

The Rev. Keith Daniel *Director of Duke Chapel PathWays*
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Chapel Administration

Ms. Lucy Worth *Director of Development and Administration*
 Ms. Emily Wilson-Hauger *Staff Assistant to the Deans and Faith Council Coordinator*
 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*

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel, located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Memorial Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

PRELUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol
arr. Tom Fettke

Ding-a-Ding-a-Ding

Greg Gilpin
(b. 1964)

The Little Drummer Boy

Traditional
arr. Robert Sterling

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 200

Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

*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.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 1:18-25 (*page 1*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL CHANT

MAGNIFICAT

SERMON—The Genesis of Jesus

RESPONSE

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Spiritual
arr. Ken Berg

Sweet Little Jesus boy, born long time ago
Sweet little Holy Child, didn't know who you was!
Sweet little Jesus boy, they made you be born in a manger,
Sweet little Holy Chil', didn't know who you was.
Didn't know you come to save us, Lord; to take our sins away.
Oh, Lord our eyes was blin', we couldn't see, we didn't know 'twas you.
Long time ago you was born, born in a manger low, sweet little Jesus boy,
The world treat you mean, Lord treats me mean, too,
O Lord, but that's how things is down heah!
We simply don't know You.
You done tol' us how. We is a-tryin'.
Mastuh, you done tol' us how ev'n when you's dyin'.
Jus' seems like we can't do right. Look how we treated you,
But please, sir, forgive us, Lord. We didn't know 'twas you.
Sweet little Jesus boy, born long time ago
Sweet little Holy Child, and we didn't know who you was.

*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

This morning we give thanks for the Duke Clinical Research Institute. As the world's largest academic research organization, the faculty and staff of the DCRI are committed to improving patient care throughout the world by conducting clinical research trials that have an impact in many fields including medicine, biotechnology, and pharmacology. A representative brings a poster that describes the mission of DCRI to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those who are homeless and the organizations that work to offer safe shelter and opportunities for home ownership. A representative brings a blanket to the altar.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (*number 895 in the hymnal*)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on CAROL and WOODLANDS

David Arcus
(b. 1959)

CARILLON MUSIC

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

The Rev. Craig Kocher
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

Preacher

The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells

Lectors

Mr. Frank Coble
Member, the Congregation at Duke Chapel

Ms. Judy Gaitens-Arneson
Member, the Congregation at Duke Chapel

Organist

Dr. David Arcus

Guest Choir

The Wilson Chorale and Johnston County Chorale
Mr. Chris Watkins, *director*

Carillonneur

Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS—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 to 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.

TODAY'S OFFERING—Today's offering supports the Chapel Development Fund, which is the primary source of contributed funds for building care and preservation. The Chapel fulfills James B. Duke's desire that the building exert a profound influence on the lives of the young women and men who attend the university.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST CHOIR—The Wilson Chorale from Wilson and the Johnston County Chorale based in Smithfield have sung in the White House, the National Cathedral, the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and throughout North Carolina. Today marks the final day they will be directed by Chris Watkins, who has directed both groups for a total of 18 years.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING—All of the offering from tomorrow's 5:30 and 11:00 p.m. services will go to Family Health Ministries for our clinic in Blanchard, Haiti. This is the fifth year the Chapel has provided the primary financial support for this clinic in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Please plan to give generously.

SING WITH THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR—If you would like to sing in the community choir for the Chapel's 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols, please plan to attend the two rehearsals on December 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and December 24 at 9:00 p.m. in the chancel. All singers welcome.

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. 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—The Adult Forum will not meet on December 30. It will return on Sunday, January 6, with a reflection by the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark, pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

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Christmas Eve Services
Duke University Chapel

DECEMBER 24, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service for Children

Join the children of the Congregation for this highly participatory worship service including drama and music in which children and storytellers together announce the birth of Christ.

5:30 p.m.

Service of Carols and Holy Communion

This evening service includes Christmas carols and Holy Communion, the Durham Children's Choir and a sermon from Dean Sam Wells.

A maximum of 1650 persons will be admitted,
so please plan to arrive early.

11:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Traditional Lessons and Carols service with
a large community choir, scripture and song.

Prelude begins at 10:30.

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