



DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2008

Eleven o'clock in the morning

☞ *Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God* ☜



"The Annunciation," by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1898

The season of Advent is a time of waiting for the promises of God. The God who has drawn near to Israel is about to draw nearer still in the form of a baby. As we draw ever closer to Christmas Day, the scripture lessons emphasize the promises that are to be fulfilled. In 2 Samuel, God tells the Israelites that their wandering is over, and that they shall be gathered to a place of safety and flourishing. Luke recounts the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary, and the surprising news of her holy pregnancy and that she is about to participate in the promises of God in a way she never anticipated or imagined.

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

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
As we listen to your Word,
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (*page 268 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death.
Holy Mary, pray for us. Amen.

—Medieval prayer based on St. Luke 1:28, 42

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 16:25-27 (*page 155*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 272 (*stanzas 1-2*)

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

RAQUEL

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

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 1:26-38 (*page 53*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 272 (*stanza 3*)

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

RAQUEL

SERMON—Pardon the Interruption

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 ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain:
Heaven and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet, what I can I give Him: give my heart.

—Christina Rossetti

*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 Duke Police Department. We celebrate its commitment to the public safety of our campus through law enforcement and security services. A representative brings a photo of the Duke Police honor guard 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 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

CHORAL BLESSING

Beautiful Savior

arr. F. Melius Christiansen
(1871-1955)

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

POSTLUDE

Gloria from Magnificat (from *Fifteen Pieces*, Op. 18) Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

CARILLON

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells
Preacher	The Rev. Craig Kocher
Lectors	Ms. Mary Carol Day <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Mr. Jack McCallus <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Organist	Dr. David Arcus
Guest Choir	The North Carolina Boys Choir
Choir Directors	Mr. Bill Graham and Mr. Scott Mann
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion	The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

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. 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—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program that offers undergraduates and recent graduates varied opportunities to discern God's call for their lives. Our extended Lilly grant requires a 50% match from the Chapel.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST CHOIR—The North Carolina Boys Choir, which had its beginning as the Durham Boys Choir 37 years ago at the First Presbyterian Church, first began singing at the Chapel in 1975 on Christmas Day. The choir has toured the United States, Canada, Scotland, Wales, and England. Choristers in the choir range in age from fourth grade through college and beyond. For more information, call 489-0291 or visit www.ncboyschoir.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNITY CHOIR—If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Eve community choir at the 11:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols, please plan to attend the open rehearsal on Monday, December 22, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The service will include pieces composed by Handel, Rutter, and Darke, among others. All singers are welcome.

"GREEN" NRSV BIBLE—If you are interested in learning more about the Biblical basis for humane and sustainable living, consider purchasing the Green Bible. Copies are available in the narthex immediately after the service today. The Bibles are printed on recycled paper, using soy-based ink, with a cotton/linen cover. The cost is \$24.00 including tax.

THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

A LIVING NATIVITY—The children and youth of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel invite you to attend the annual performance of “A Living Nativity” this afternoon 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY—Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one confidential care-giving to individuals in crisis. To receive care from a Stephen Minister, to make a referral for someone else, or to find out how to become trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark.

PRAYER MINISTRY—The Duke Chapel prayer ministry team is available to pray for you. If you have a concern for which you would like prayer offered, or if you would like to pray for others, please send an email with your request to chapel-prayers@duke.edu. You may also place your prayer request or your prayer for others in the prayer box by the Memorial Chapel. All submissions are confidential.

Christmas Eve Services *Duke University Chapel*

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.

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 p.m.

This service will be broadcast live on News 14 Carolina.



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 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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