



DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2006
Eleven o'clock in the Morning

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



Detail of "The Sleeping Christ" by Bernardino Luini, 1532

Christmas is when 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 around 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.



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.
- † 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 aged 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 five 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

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The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells	<i>Dean of the Chapel</i>
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Mr. Oscar Dantzler and Mr. William Earl	<i>Housekeepers</i>
Staff of the Congregation at Duke Chapel	
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
The Rev. Josh Hubert	<i>Associate Pastor for Youth and Missions</i>
Ms. Phyllis Snyder	<i>Director, Children's Ministry</i>
Ms. Mary Ann Manconi	<i>Administrative Assistant to the Congregation</i>

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

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

BRASS PRELUDE

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Light of the World, you gave us the transforming birth of the child Jesus as a light for our path. Yet we confess that we shut our eyes to the light. We admit that we do not want to see the gift you have given us. We acknowledge our reluctance to see and share our gifts with our sisters and brothers. We are often dazzled by the glitter the world has made of Christ's birth. We ask that your Spirit be lit within us, that the light of peace and justice may shine through us. We seek to receive, and to share the gift of Christ's birth and death, again and again. Amen.

The minister then speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 9:2-7 (*page 600 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Titus 2:11-14 (*page 202*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 219 (*stanzas 1 & 2*)

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

(All turn and face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:1-20 (*page 54*)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 238 (*stanza 3*)
What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

SERMON—What Changes – and What Doesn't

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.

GREETING AND 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

(As the offering is being received, the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns.)

HYMN 218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

HYMN 245

The First Noel

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HYMN 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*DOXOLOGY

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA

THANKSGIVING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

*BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

BRASS POSTLUDE

CARILLON MUSIC

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

The Rev. Craig Kocher

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Enjoy a meaningful, ongoing relationship with Duke Chapel by becoming a Friend of the Chapel. If you are interested in contributing to the Chapel's ministry fill out this form and place it in the offering plate. We will then send you more information about the Friends. Please contact Lucy Worth, Director of Development and Administration, at (919) 684-6220 for more information.

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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—In May 2004, an 11-person group coordinated by the Congregation at Duke Chapel conducted a mission trip to Haiti with Family Health Ministries. The purpose of the trip was to lay the foundation for the first and only medical clinic in the newly formed city of Blanchard, a city of 225,000 located just outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Many who now live in this 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 was made possible through the generous donations of the Duke Chapel Christmas Eve offerings. The 2003 Christmas Eve offering of \$10,000 went towards the original clinic foundation and subsequent Christmas Eve offerings in 2004 and 2005 raised another \$27,000 to go towards the completion of the facility. The Blanchard Family Health Clinic opened this month, but there is still much work to be done. The vision of the clinic is to provide care for illness and injury, and also to provide preventive health services. Men and women will receive annual healthcare screening, mothers will receive prenatal care and education, and infants and children will receive well-child visits and immunizations. Ongoing funding is greatly needed. This year's offering will go towards funding physician salaries in order to make this clinic's work possible. Please give generously.

SERMONS AVAILABLE—Copies of today's sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just after you enter 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.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all:

ADULT FORUM—There will be no Adult Forum lectures on December 31.

MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP—The World Missions Team of the Congregation at Duke Chapel is leading a mission trip over spring break to do hurricane relief work in Biloxi, Mississippi, leaving Saturday, March 10 and returning Saturday, March 17. Spots are available for 12 persons on a first come, first served basis. All are welcome. Contact the Rev. Josh Hubert for applications and more information.

JOIN THE CONGREGATION—All who consider Duke Chapel to be their primary place of worship are invited to join the Congregation at Duke Chapel. Please contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917 for further information.