



DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Christmas Day
December 25, 2005
Eleven o'clock in the Morning

*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 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PEACE

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

*GLORIA *(number 72 in the hymnal, in unison)*

GLORIA CANON

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 52:7-10 *(page 642 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BRASS INTERLUDE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Hebrews 1:1-4 (*page 204*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 238 (*stanzas 1 & 2*)

Angels We Have Heard on High

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

GLORIA

*GOSPEL LESSON—John 1:1-14 (*page 87*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 238 (*stanzas 3 & 4*)

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

SERMON—But...

RESPONSE

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*number 881 in the hymnal, in unison*)

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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.*

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 area.

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.

Hearing assist units, large-print Bibles and hymnals, and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant's desk.

For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's Docent near the front steps following the service.

Umbrella stands are available by each Chapel entrance for your convenience.

THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE CHAPEL

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all, including students.

ADULT FORUM—There will be no Adult Forum on January 1.

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 Revd Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917 for further information.

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, or if you would like to pray for other submissions, please visit the Chapel website www.chapel.duke.edu and click on "Prayer Requests." All submissions are confidential.

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 Revd Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917 or email nancyfc@duke.edu.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Revd Craig T. Kocher
Preacher	The Revd Canon Dr. Sam Wells
Lectors	Mr. David Langford <i>President, Council of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
	Ms. Abby Kocher <i>Divinity '06</i>
Guest Musicians	Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Organist	Dr. David Arcus
Chapel Attendant	Dr. Lois Oliver
Head Ushers	Ms. Faith Castellano and Mr. Charles Roedel

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—All of this morning's offering will go to Durham Nativity School on Angier Avenue in Durham. Durham Nativity School is one of more than 40 tuition-free middle schools in this country providing education and leadership development for financially disadvantaged boys. The extended learning day with a college prep curriculum and on-going community service projects has demonstrated that inner city change is possible. Collectively, the 40 schools have over a 90% graduation rate for high school and university, producing qualified teachers, doctors, lawyers, attorneys, clergy, business and civic leaders. The long-term success of this effort depends on continued community involvement. Please give generously in the name of the One whose nativity we celebrate today. For more information, go to www.durhamnativity.org.



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Dr. David Arcus	<i>Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist</i>
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