Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

Wednesday November 12, 2008 Eleven twenty-five in the morning

PRELUDE

*OPENING SENTENCES

Leader Yet even now, says God, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

People: Return to your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."

-Joel 2.12-13 NRSV

*OPENING PRAYER

O God of freedom, you breathed upon chaos, and called forth order, light and life. You opened barren wombs, and brought forth a people to reveal your love and glory in all the world. When they had fallen into slavery, you were mighty to save, in wind and fire, earth and flood. Teach us the true meaning of freedom, as you have taught those before us. Great is your name, O God of our ancestors, and greatly to be praised! Through our savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 702

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

HYMN TO JOY

PSALTER READING UMH No. 799

Psalm 78:1-4, 9-20,32b-38a

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON

WORDS OF INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Merciful God, we confess that we have not believed you or trusted in your power

Lord, help our unbelief.

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

Cleanse us, Lord.

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.

We ignore your call to center our lives in you, and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth.

Ground us, Lord!

(brief moment of silence)

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

GOODSON CHAPEL (See back cover of hymnal)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Jesus Remember Me

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 391

O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice

HAPPY DAY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

**The communion elements are bread and grape juice.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Dr James Howell, Senior Pastor, Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC Celebrant: Dr Randy Maddox, Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies;
Director of the Doctor of Theology Program

Liturgist/Lector Brad Acton

Musicians: Dr David Arcus, Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist,

Worship Interns. Anna Adams, Stuart Harrell, Jodi Lampley, Everdith Landrau, Gannon Sims

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, November 13: Service of the Word, Preacher Bishop Kenneth Carder, Ruth W and A. Morris Williams Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry

Next week in Goodson Chapel, 11:25 am

Tuesday, November 18: Service of Word and Table, Dr Andrew Adam preaching, Rev Sally Bates, celebrating. **Wednesday, November 19**: Service of the Word in Psalms, with special music by Charles Pettee and FolkPsalm. **Thursday, November 20**: Service of Music and Prayers, and dedication of a newly commissioned icon, "Christ in Glory," to be installed in our Chapel. An extensive program of special music by The Divinity Choir and guest instrumentalists.

The Office of Student Life and the Chaplain's Office are collaborating with Basin & Towel to provide non-perishable food items to fill Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in the community The Divinity School community is invited to bring items for worship services and place them in bins outside the Chapel. Coordinators are asking for the following donations: Senior Class: stuffing/stuffing mix, rice, powdered milk. Middler Class: canned vegetables and canned fruits. Junior Class: white potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams, cranberry sauce. Faculty & Staff: disposable aluminum roasting pans, food vouchers for Kroger or Food Lion (please deliver vouchers to Office of Student Life in 102 Westbrook.)

PRAYER AND PRAISE OPPORTUNITIES

2008 BGPSA/BSU Fall Unity Service: Friday, November 14, 2008, 8-11 P.M. in Goodson Chapel. Come join the Black Graduate & Professional Students Association (BGPSA), the Black Seminarians' Union (BSU), and the Duke and Triangle communities in an evening of prayer, testimony, spoken word, and music.

Saturday, November 22, 5:00 pm in Goodson Chapel. The Divinity Gospel Choir will present an evening of joyful gospel and praise music in a program entitled, "In the Key of Worship." Paul Atlas serves as the accompanist, and Sean Palmer as the conductor Special appearance by United in Praise. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer is held weekly in Goodson Chapel 8:00-8:20 a.m. We are united with Christians throughout the world in this daily service, using the rite from the Book of Common Prayer Contact Sam Keyes (samuel.keyes@duke.edu) for more information.