

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

# CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

FALL 2017 – SPRING 2018

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# DOING JUSTICE. LOVING MERCY. WALKING HUMBLLY WITH GOD.

## WEEKLY CHAPEL SERVICE



60  
Hymns sung

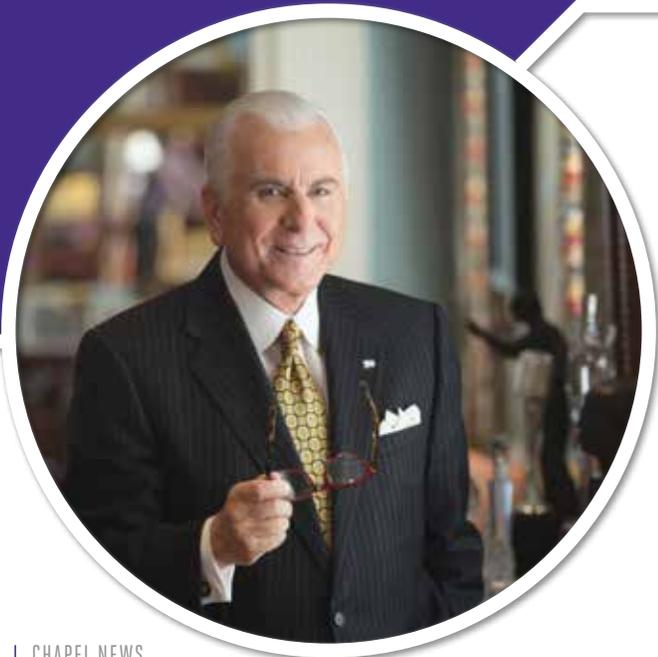
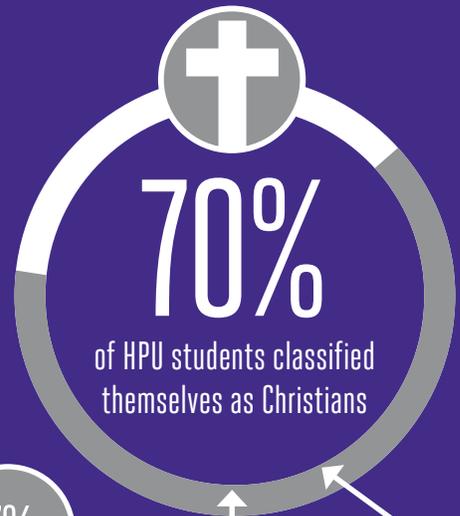


40+

Chapel Services held on  
campus in 2017-2018



\$11,000+  
in Chapel offering raised  
for worthy causes in the  
High Point community



"Wednesday night Chapel at High Point University is one of our longstanding traditions. The services nourish our souls and feed our hearts. We at HPU are committed to building students from the inside out so that they live lives defined by significance as much as success. The spiritual life is foundational for that kind of life. We're grateful for all the students and community volunteers who make religious life at High Point University a cornerstone to the High Point University experience."

—Dr. Nido Qubein, HPU President



"My time with the Chapel and Religious Life Office has been instrumental in shaping who I am and who I desire to be as I continue to grow spiritually. Not only has it fostered my passion for social justice through meaningful conversation and mentoring, but it has also given me a language to talk about God's love in the midst of worldly injustice and violence. On many days, the Chapel Office is my refuge and where there is always a spot on the couch for me. It is my happy place."

—Tiffany Jones, President Emeritus, Board of Stewards. Masters of Divinity student at Vanderbilt Divinity School

## Chapel Snapshots



"The glory of **God** is the human person fully **alive**." — St. Irenaeus

# FALL 2017-SPRING 2018 Chapel Schedule Highlights

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 5:30 PM – 6:20 PM | HAYWORTH CHAPEL

## August 23

**First Chapel Service of the Year & Religious Life Expo** – This service will kick-off our Wednesday night Chapel Service for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year. The Board of Stewards and members of several religious life organizations will serve as worship leaders and fellowships hosts. The Religious Life Expo will immediately follow the service in the fellowship hall.

## September 24



**Family Weekend Service** – This special service will be held at 10 a.m. for current students and family members visiting campus. The Chapel Choir will provide the music.

Dr. Michael Brown will lead the service. Dr. Brown is the Senior Minister of Marble Collegiate Church; former New Testament Professor at HPU; author of six books including *Bottom Line Beliefs* and his newest book *A Five Mile Walk*. He serves at several United Methodist Churches. Brown has also taught Ethics (University of North Carolina-Asheville), New Testament (High Point University), and Congregational Change (Wake Forest University). In 2012, Pfeiffer University presented him with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Dr. Brown received his Doctorate in Ministry from Drew Theological School and a Masters of Divinity from Duke University. A noted speaker and frequent lecturer addressing both religious and secular groups, he designs his message to meet the specific needs of the particular audience using humor and anecdotes to describe a philosophy of life assured to bring meaning, joy, and hope to those who practice it.

## October 14 - 23



**Alternative Fall Break Pilgrimage** –

This pilgrimage will be in the Piedmont Triad.

## October 18

**No Chapel Service – Fall Break**

## November 22

**No Chapel Service – Thanksgiving**

## November 29



**Lessons & Carols Service** – This special candlelight service is the final Chapel service of the fall semester, bringing the community together to remember and retell the Christmas story. The service will feature members of the university community reading scripture and music led by the Chapel Choir. The service is based on the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, England. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Hayworth Chapel.

## December 8



**47th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast** – For 47 consecutive years, High Point University has brought the wider

High Point faith community together for the Annual Prayer Breakfast. Each year, the annual event includes an inspiring message, special music provided by the HPU Chapel Choir directed by Dr. Elizabeth Doebler, as well as a silent prayer held in memory of alumni, members of the university family and the community, as well as other friends who have passed away during the past year.

This event sharpens the spiritual senses that joy and peace might take root during the Christmas season.

The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery who is the dean of the Duke University Chapel and associate professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School. Prior to his appointment

at Duke, he served as the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his B.A. in music with a concentration in vocal performance from Stanford University, his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Th.D. from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. His teaching and research interests are located at the intersection of preaching, worship, pneumatology, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora.

The breakfast will take place on Friday December 8th at 7:30am in the James H. and Jesse E. Millis Athletic and Convocation Center.

## January 15



**11:00 am | MLK Service** – This annual service of worship celebrates the life and work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Each year the service features noteworthy clergy and scholars from across the country. This year, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie will deliver an inspirational message of hope and peace. Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie serves as the 117th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Her historic election in the year 2000 represents the first time in the over 200-year history of the AME Church, a woman had obtained the level of Episcopal office.

Bishop McKenzie serves as the Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bishop McKenzie was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the inaugural President's Advisory Council of the White House Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She recently was invited to preach at the annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast at the invitation of President Obama.

Bishop McKenzie is the author of five books. The first two, *Not Without A*

*Struggle and Strength in the Struggle* concern leadership and professional growth for women. *Journey to the Well* helps women seek new directions for personal growth and transformation following the footsteps of the Biblical Samaritan woman.

The service is at 11 a.m. in Hayworth Chapel

## March 2-12



**Alternative Spring Break Pilgrimage**

– *God in the City*: This trip to New York City is designed to engage students along a journey of discovery and examination of the unique ways that faith motivates life and service in a cosmopolitan context. More specifically, students will be immersed in a diverse spectrum of faith-based and faith-focused organizations that are responding to the complex social, economic and political stresses facing the city. Through service opportunities, meaningful dialogue with leaders of these organizations, as well intentional reflection on the ways that God is present in the city, students will gain a deeper understanding of what it means to: do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

## March 7

**No Chapel Service – Spring Break**

## April 18



**End of Year Chapel Service** – This service will conclude our 2017 – 2018 academic year. HPU Seniors are recognized during this service and Board of Stewards seniors deliver messages.

# Choirs & Music in Worship

Chapel brings together contemporary and traditional music in our life of worship.



**LIZ DOEBLER**  
Director of Chapel Choir

Students come from all backgrounds and disciplines of study with the singular focus of sharpening their musical skill to glorify God or as St. Augustine so rightly put it, “He [or she] who sings prays twice.”

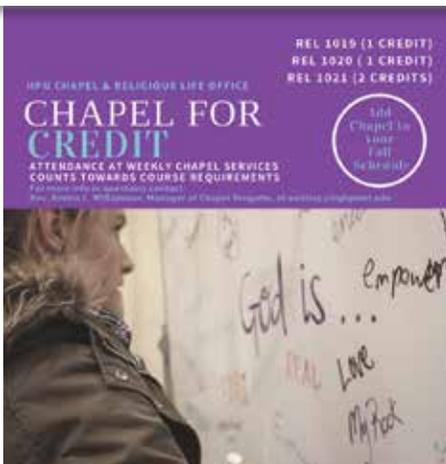
The Chapel Choir serves as the resident choir for the Chapel at High Point University. Auditions are held in the fall and spring of each year, and members may receive academic credit (MUS 1320) for participating. Dr. Liz Doebler directs the Chapel Choir. She holds degrees from UNCG in musical arts and vocal performance and from Ithaca College in music education and vocal performance. You may contact her at [edoebler@highpoint.edu](mailto:edoebler@highpoint.edu) or 336-841-4551.

“Collision,” the student-led contemporary worship band, is named for the meeting place between our lives and God’s, which often collide. You may contact them [collision@highpoint.edu](mailto:collision@highpoint.edu).



## Christian Worship at HPU

Every Wednesday, more than 200 students gather at the Charles E. Hayworth Sr. Memorial Chapel for evening worship. In that space we bring ancient Christian liturgies of music (hymns and contemporary), sermons, prayer, and rituals to develop a Christian faith that impacts lives here and now. These ecumenical services provide a time and place where the entire university community can gather for inspiration, relationships, reflection, and renewal. Unless otherwise stated, services are held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with the Rev. Davis providing the message. The Board of Stewards, in collaboration with various student groups, host each Chapel service.



HPU CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE OFFICE  
**CHAPEL FOR CREDIT**  
ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY CHAPEL SERVICES COUNTS TOWARDS COURSE REQUIREMENTS  
For more information contact:  
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REL 1019 (1 CREDIT)  
REL 1020 (1 CREDIT)  
REL 1021 (2 CREDITS)

Chapel for your Fall Semester!

## Chapel for Credit

One’s education includes mind, body, and soul. And soul! Chapel can be taken for credit allowing students to do in-depth theological and spiritual reflection during their college career.

Students can register in sequence for the three Christian Worship classes: Religion 1019, 1020, and 1021. Religion 1019 and 1020 offer one credit each, and Religion 1021 offers two hours of academic credit.

For more information contact Andria Williamson at [awillia5@highpoint.edu](mailto:awillia5@highpoint.edu) or 336-841-9132.



Cooperation Respect Collaboration Leadership  
 Differences Understanding Diversity Faith  
 Dialogue & Multifaith Action Commonalities



# Interfaith Engagement

In keeping with its Christian heritage, High Point University practices radical hospitality to people of all faith traditions and takes great pride in raising the bar for positive multifaith and interfaith collaboration and service. HPU was recently named the interfaith university Rookie of the Year by the Interfaith Youth Core, one of the leading interfaith engagement and service organizations in America. This recognition comes in response to student-led efforts within the past year to promote collaboration, service, understanding, and appreciation for difference among religious and spiritual organizations on campus.

## WAYS TO ENGAGE

### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICES | FALL 2017 & SPRING 2018

Fostered by its Methodist heritage that seeks to practice the way of Jesus, this weekly worship service is at the heart of religious life on campus.

### INTERFAITH DINNER CLUB | FALL 2017 & SPRING 2018

Discuss topics of interreligious shared values and the intersections of identity, faith, politics, economics, and current events that call for greater interfaith partnership.

### SMALL GROUP STUDIES | FALL 2017 & SPRING 2018

Community groups are discussion-based and guided by a pre-selected book and led by a member of the Chapel Office staff. Small group studies are typically 6 weeks in length and are offered as an extension of Chapel. These groups offer students opportunities to deepen their faith and build meaningful relationships with their peers and other ministerial leaders.

### ANNUAL MLK WORSHIP SERVICE AND DAY OF SERVICE | JANUARY 15, 2018

A Christian worship service remembering the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. toward racial and economic justice and a day full of community service projects with area non-profits.

### AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SERVICE | FEBRUARY 2018

This service incorporates African-American heritage and faith traditions. This service will include world-renowned poet Clint Smith, speakers from the High Point African American community, HPU's Genesis Gospel Choir, as well as North Carolina A&T State University Choir.

### INTERFAITH PASSOVER SEDER | SPRING 2018

Hillel hosts people from various backgrounds for a dinner, reading of the Exodus story, and interfaith discussion.

### PILGRIMAGES | FALL 2017 & SPRING 2018

Travel opportunities designed to introduce students to faith formation around the globe, particularly in communities that pursue active reconciliation due to social, political and religious division.

### RAMADAN IFTAR | SUMMER 2018

Muslim and non-Muslim students, staff and faculty join together for a dinner after a day of fasting.

# Board of Stewards: Spirit of Service

We believe that our spiritual pursuits inspire service. The Chapel is thus a servant to the common good, not just of the High Point University campus but the wider High Point community and the world. One-hundred percent of the offering collected during our weekly services goes to serving the people of High Point. The Board of Stewards are a group of student leaders who are responsible helping the Chapel Office shape interactive and ecumenical worship services, lead service projects that inspire their peers to be the hands and feet of Christ, and steward weekly offering into the High Point community. In 2017-2018, the Board of Stewards gave \$10,000



in the form of clothes and toys to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project, providing gifts to more than 75 in-need children of the High Point community. Students can apply to be a part of the Board of Stewards in the fall of each academic year. Members are selected based upon demonstration of leadership qualities, desire to serve and commitment to Christian discipleship.

## CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE STAFF



### REV. PRESTON ANDREWS DAVIS, Minister to the University

Rev. Davis leads the mission of the Chapel and Religious Life Office. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, he is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City and Davidson College. Rev. Davis has pastored faith communities in Decatur, Georgia, New York City, and rural North Carolina. He has been recognized by Union Theological Seminary as a Millennial Leader, has participated in Duke Leadership Education's Christian Academic Leaders forum, and is a member of the United Methodist Church's College Ministry Academy.



### RON YARDENAY, Jewish Life Coordinator

Ron Yardenay, the university's Jewish Life Coordinator, works with the Chapel and Religious Life Office to serve Jewish students on campus by coordinating relevant programming and acting as a resource for interfaith initiatives. Yardenay graduated with a double major in history and business entrepreneurship from Elon University. During his undergraduate career, he helped lead the establishment of the Jewish Studies program and a vibrant Hillel program.



### REV. ANDRIA WILLIAMSON, Manager of Chapel Programs

Rev. Andria Williamson, the Manager of Chapel Programs, assists in planning, coordinating and overseeing chapel operations, which include weekly Christian chapel services and other interfaith and multi-religious events. She also advises the Board of Stewards and plans fall and spring pilgrimages, ensuring vibrant religious and spiritual life at HPU. A native of Summerfield, NC, Williamson has served a number of churches, schools, universities, and other non-profit organizations in the Triad for over 15 years as an ordained minister, trained musician, educator, and academic counselor. She has bachelor's degrees in music education and communication studies, as well as a Master of Divinity.



# Campus Ministries

## ALPHA DELTA THETA SORORITY

Alpha Delta Theta is the Christian service sorority at High Point University. The purpose of ADT is to serve others and God while also growing in friendship and faith with one another.

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA SERVICE FRATERNITY

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service fraternity based on the three cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service.

## BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards is the lifeblood of the Chapel and Religious Life Office. Members network with other campus groups to host Chapel services, oversee the distribution of weekly offering to make a positive impact in our community, and lead Bible studies and theological forums.

## CAMPUS OUTREACH

Campus Outreach is a nondenominational ministry that seeks to build laborers with a commitment to Jesus and His Great Commission through evangelism and discipleship.

## CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

(HPUCCM) High Point University Catholic Campus Ministry is the official SGA-recognized Catholic student group for High Point University. Their mission is to be a community of Christian faith, hope, and love, offering a spiritual home to all students.

## CHAPEL CHOIR

The Chapel Choir is our official resident choir for our weekly Chapel services. Auditions are held in the fall and spring. Members may receive academic credit for participating.

## COLLEGE LIFE

College Life is a group open to everyone, where Christianity, the Bible, and how they apply to everyday life as college students are explored.

## COLLISION WORSHIP BAND

Collision, is the contemporary worship band at weekly Chapel. Sampling from some of the leading Christian musicians of today, these worship leaders bring Chapel to life each week.

## GENESIS GOSPEL CHOIR

Genesis Gospel Choir was founded at High Point University in 1990. It is a student-led choir that emphasizes worship and praise and welcomes all students to join.

## HILLEL

Hillel, formerly the Association of Jewish Students (AJS), is a student organization dedicated to providing opportunities for students to build a Jewish life at High Point University.

## IMPACT

Impact is a Christian service organization, making disciples of Christ through service.

## INTERFAITH UNITED (INTERFAITH GROUP)

If depth of one's religious tradition is important, so is engagement across traditions. High Point University has begun an interfaith project to bring together students across religious traditions to increase dialogue, understanding, and service. The goal is to appreciate true unity by appreciating diversity in action.

## INFINITE SPACE

Infinite Space is a student-led publication that seeks to highlight the diversity of High Point University's spiritual stories and experiences. The editorial board is made up of various campus ministry leaders.

## PRE-MINISTRY

High Point University has a long tradition of successfully preparing students for graduate theological education and for lives of ministry. The Pre-Ministerial group gathers regularly to equip students with skills and training for the life of ministry that is relevant for the 21st century.

To learn more about these ministries and religious life opportunities, please visit [highpoint.edu/religiouslife](http://highpoint.edu/religiouslife).  
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