DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

Construction

Years Built: 1930 to 1935
Cost: $2,287,742.54 (over $30 million today)
Architect: The Trumbauer Company, Philadelphia, PA
Julian Abele, senior architect

Style: English Gothic
Exterior: Duke bluestone from Hillsborough, NC and Indiana limestone
Interior: Lined with Guastavino tile

Dimensions

Bell Tower: 210 ft. high
Interior: 291 ft. long and 63 ft. wide
Nave: 73 ft. high and 39 ft. wide
Transept: 121 ft. long
Memorial Chapel: 58 ft. long, 27 ft. wide, and 60 ft. high

Details

Woodwork: Oak pews, altar screens (reredos) and canopy over pulpit
Limewood insets in the altar screen, Boston, MA

Windows: Made by the Bonawit Company, NY, Charles Jaeckle, chief designer
See reverse side for a guide to the Chapel Windows.

Exterior Figures (when facing Chapel)

On the façade: Early American Methodist leaders Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, and George Whitefield
Left of the doors: Girolamo Savonarola, Martin Luther, and John Wycliffe
Right of the doors: Sidney Lanier, Robert E. Lee, and Thomas Jefferson
Over the front door: John Wesley

Music

Vocal: Duke Chapel Choir (100) and Vespers Ensemble (20)
Carillon: 50 bells are played each day at 5:00 p.m., before and after Sunday service, and for special events.

Organs:
Benjamin N. Duke Memorial Organ (Flentrop 1976) at rear (5000+ pipes)
Kathleen Upton Byrns McClendon Organ (Aeolian 1932) in chancel (7000+ pipes)
Brumbaugh Organ in Memorial Chapel (920+ pipes)
Portable Flentrop Organ in Memorial Chapel (150 pipes)

Other Information

Seating: 1500 main Chapel, 49 Memorial Chapel, 150 Choir
The Crypt: Mrs. James B. Duke and several University presidents and their wives are buried here.

Worship:
Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
Academic year services include Midweek Prayer on Wednesday at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday Prayer and Holy Communion at 5:15 p.m., and Thursday Choral Vespers at 5:15 p.m.
All are welcome to attend these services.

Downstairs: Parlor, staff, and Religious Life offices, lounge, and kitchen
Note: This area is not open to tourists

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