

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Monday:	A Time for Renewal and Reflection
Tuesday:	Growing in Godliness. Preacher: The Rev'd. Dr. Nora Tubbs Tisdale, Clement-Muehl Professor of Homiletics
Wednesday:	Sung Morning Prayer – setting by John Tirro, M.Div., '09
Thursday:	A Service of Prayer and Hope
Friday:	A Service of Holy Communion arranged by the Yale Black Seminarians Preacher: Dr. Clarence E. Hardy III, Assistant Professor of the History of American Christianity.

Monday: A Time for Renewal and Reflection

The semester is well under way, and many may be feeling over-challenged, overwhelmed, or simply tired. We will begin this week with a special service in which you will find the chapel transformed into a meditative space with different spaces where you can spend time in prayer and reflection. There will be areas where you can sit and pray in silence or sit in groups and pray together. You may wish to light candles. In other areas, you can read scripture or literature. There will be music in the Taizé style. You can be anointed and have hands laid on you in prayer. However you wish to spend the time, we hope that it is a contemplative place where you can find renewal and comfort with others in the community.

Tuesday: Growing in Godliness

Tuesday's service will be one of word and music. Nora Tubbs Tisdale, Clement-Muehl Professor of Homiletics and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, will preach. The Marquand Gospel and Inspirational Ensemble, led by Mark Miller, will perform for the first time this semester. The group, formerly known as the Marquand Gospel Choir, was renamed in response to last semester's survey. The new name now reflects the breadth of the group's range of style and repertoire.

Wednesday: Sung Morning Prayer

This week we will begin a new setting of Sung Morning Prayer. This setting is by The Rev'd. John Tirro, a BA in Music graduate of Yale College and a 2009 alumnus of YDS and the ISM, where he was awarded his M.Div. He currently serves as Pastor of Congregational Life and Campus Ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also the chaplain of Tyson House, a joint Lutheran-Episcopal campus ministry at the University of Tennessee. Before entering YDS he was a successful songwriter in Nashville, and he brought that musical expertise to this joyful, contemporary setting of Morning Prayer, which he composed during his time at YDS.

Thursday: "Hope in the Midst of ..."

In the midst of life's uncertainties and fears, God calls us not to be afraid. In what ways does hope make itself manifest in your life? ISM student Jon Seals (<http://jonsealsart.com/home.html>) will be painting during the service, allowing his and our worship experience to become visible on canvas. There will also be a time for reflecting and writing our own prayers of "hope in the midst of..." and offering them to God. ISM Fellow Ayla Levine will also share in the service. Come and be blessed!

Friday: A Service of Holy Communion

This Friday, we will celebrate God's presence in our lives in an ecumenical service of Holy Communion. We have an "open table" in Marquand Chapel; all who wish to meet with God are welcome to receive bread and wine or juice, or a blessing. The service has been planned by Yale Black Seminarians. Dr. Clarence E. Hardy III, Assistant Professor of the History of American Christianity, and an ordained Baptist minister, will preach.

A Word About Hospitality in Chapel

Please remember that many people must arrive late to chapel. To cause the least distraction to the worship environment, we ask that those of you who arrive with time to spare sit where you are comfortable but also consider sitting near the fronts of sections and also moving to the center of rows, so latecomers may take their places more easily.

In addition, we ask that you not put your bags in adjacent chairs and instead leave them outside the chapel on the shelves in the narthex and outside the refectory. We also request that no video or photographs be taken during chapel without the prior permission of the Dean of Chapel. Finally, as chapel is a place of community contemplation and focus, your electronic devices should be silenced and not used during services.



Organ Scholars

We welcome Tripp Kennedy, Wesley Hall and Patrick Kreeger as our Marquand Chapel Organ Scholars 2013-14. All of them are in the ISM program, and their impressive talents and experience will be a gift to us all as they play our three organs and the piano for Marquand services.

Participation in Chapel



“...there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.” - I Cor 12:4

If you would like to read in Chapel, serve communion or volunteer in another way, please sign the lists outside Chapel, or contact a chapel minister or [Christa Swenson](#).

Graduating Student Preachers

If you are graduating in the summer of 2014, and would like an opportunity either to preach or to offer a shared reflection or dialogue in Marquand during this academic year, please send an email to [Maggi Dawn](#).

Some seniors have said they would like to offer something in worship, but do not want to preach. If you feel the same, send an email and we will find you an opportunity to write liturgy, select and edit prose for reading, choose music, or some other role.

Photo: Herron and Daniel preparing to ring the bell - Marquand's most physically stretching volunteer activity! They rang the bell for "Let Freedom Ring" on August 28th.

The Marquand Chapel Team, 2013-14

Maggi Dawn	<i>Dean of Chapel</i>	Katie McNeal, Porsha Williams,
Brett Terry	<i>Interim Director of Chapel Music</i>	Joe Brewer, Randall Spaulding
Christa Swenson	<i>Liturgical Coordinator</i>	Knox Sutterfield
Mark Miller	<i>Marquand Gospel & Inspirational Ensemble Director</i>	Tripp Kennedy, Wesley Hall,
		Patrick Kreeger
		<i>Chapel Ministers</i>
		<i>Chapel Choir Director</i>
		<i>Organ Scholars</i>