

# MARQUAND READER

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## THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

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

Monday:	Seeking God's Face—Awet Andemicael—Psalm 27: On Theology
Tuesday:	Service of the Word—Justin Crisp and Patrick Burrows
Wednesday:	Sung Morning Prayer: "Grace"
Thursday:	Service of the Word—Nora Tubbs-Tisdale, preaching
Friday:	Lunar New Year—Vicki Flippin, preaching and presiding

### **Monday, January 27: Seeking God's Face—Psalm 27**

#### **Awet Andemicael, leading**

Awet Andemicael, Lecturer in Sacred Music at YDS and Yale doctoral student in theology, will lead us in a service of music and reflection featuring Psalm 27. What does it mean to "do theology?" What does it mean, as the psalmist desires, to "seek God's face?" Come, lift your voices, hearts, and minds, and be blessed!

### **Tuesday, January 28: Service of the Word**

#### **Justin Crisp and Patrick Burrows, preaching**

This service will focus on 1 Cor. 1:18-31 and a reading from Lee Edelman's *No Future: Queer Theory and the Death Drive*. We will sing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" to a tune not typically used with that text, "Lift High the Cross," and "What Wondrous Love is This."

### **Wednesday, January 29: Sung Morning Prayer—"Grace"**

Brett Terry has compiled a new setting of *Sung Morning Prayer* on the theme of grace. This setting is a companion to last semester's *Faithfulness* and *Thankfulness* settings. It begins with John Bell's familiar "Come, Holy Spirit," which is followed by the traditional text to "Amazing Grace" sung to the tune of *St. Columba*, and includes other favorites such as Richard Smallwood's "I Love the Lord" and "Njalo," which was brought to the YDS community by Patrick Matsikenyiri.

### **Thursday, January 30: Service of the Word**

#### **Nora Tubbs-Tisdale, preaching**

Professor Tubbs-Tisdale, *Clement-Muehl Professor of Homiletics*, will preach on Luke 1:57-80. Together, we will focus on Zachariah and the *Benedictus* of John.

### **Friday, January 31: Lunar New Year**

#### **Vicki Flippin, preaching**

Led by the Asian Students' Association, we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year. Numerous Asiatic countries mark the beginning of a new year based on the cycles of the moon.

The Rev. Vicki Flippin graduated from YDS in 2008 and is ordained in the United Methodist Church. She serves on the pastoral staff at Church of the Village in Manhattan and is an active leader in work for LGBT and racial equality.

### **Ad Hoc Worship Committee**

The experience of worshipping in Marquand Chapel is of fundamental importance to our identity as a divinity school and to our sense of community. We worship because we are more than an intellectual community; we are a community of faith. As an ecumenical school, we must create a sense of identity that is different than the identity that people have known before coming to YDS. Marquand is an essential means of creating that identity. The same dynamics make Marquand a challenging place. We consist of people from more than forty Christian traditions and a number of non-Christian traditions. We cannot replicate all of the traditions in a given year for practical and theological reasons. This means that the experience of worship can be both fresh and alienating. It is fresh in the sense that is frequently different; it is alienating because it is never fully our own tradition. In a word, it is complex. (from Dean Sterling’s charge to the Ad Hoc Worship Committee).

Thus, the Ad Hoc Worship Committee is resuming this semester. This committee features a diverse group: Bill Goettler, Peter Hawkins, Janet Ruffing, Haruka Umestsu, Yolanda Richard, and Emilie Casey have been appointed to provide assistance to Marquand. Together, these individuals will serve as a sounding board for initiatives and ideas brought by the Associate Dean. This committee does not parallel or replace the team of chapel ministers, but serves as an outside group to think about the effectiveness of our worship, thinking broadly of the welfare of Marquand.

### **Participation in Chapel**

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](#).

### **Suggestions? Questions? Comments?**

Do you have a suggestion, an encouragement for the team, an impression of what you would like to see repeated, or something we haven't done yet you'd like to see? Let the team know! Joe, Katie, Porsha, Randall, Bill, Christa, and Brett are always happy to hear from you.

#### **The Marquand Chapel Team, 2013-14**

##### ***Staff***

Maggi Dawn *Dean of Chapel* (sabbatical, spring 2014)  
 Bill Goettler *Acting Dean of Chapel*  
 Brett Terry *Interim Director of Chapel Music  
 and Liturgical Assistant*  
 Christa Swenson *Liturgical Coordinator*  
 Mark Miller *Marquand Gospel & Inspirational  
 Ensemble Director*

##### ***Student Team Members***

Joe Brewer, Katie McNeal, Randall Spaulding, Porsha Williams—*Chapel Ministers*  
 Christian Crocker and Knox Sutterfield—*Chapel Choir Directors*  
 Wesley Hall, Tripp Kennedy, Patrick Kreeger—*Organ Scholars*