



Welcome
TO THE HEART OF THE MECCA



**THE ANDREW RANKIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL
HOWARD UNIVERSITY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
CRAMTON AUDITORIUM
REV. BERNARD L. RICHARDSON, PH.D.
DEAN OF THE CHAPEL**

FAITH

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The Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel
Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D., Dean of the Chapel
Sunday, February 11, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Ringling of the Bell

Milan Mitchell
Howard University Chapel Assistants

Call to Worship

Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D.
Dean of the Chapel

Lighting of the Unity Candle

Michael Brown
Friends of the Chapel

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:2-3 NRSVue

Musical Selection

“The Word Was God”
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir
Dr. Eric Poole, Conductor

Arr. Rosephanye Powell

Offering

Greetings

Domani Rodriguez
President, Howard University Chapel Assistants

Meditation

Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D.
Dean of the Chapel

Introduction of the Speaker

Musical Selection

“Yes, God is Real”
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir
Alphonso Evans, Soloist

Arr. Rev. James Cleveland

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson
President and CEO, Children’s Defense Fund & CDF Action Council
Washington, D.C.

Closing Hymn

“Total Praise”

by Richard Smallwood

Benediction

We want to thank the **Speaker’s Assistant, Christopher Fowler, a Junior, Chemical Engineering Major from Houston, TX** by way of **Jackson, MS, & the Bell Ringer, and Milan Mitchell a Sophomore Legal Communications Major and Political Science Minor from Chicago, IL.**

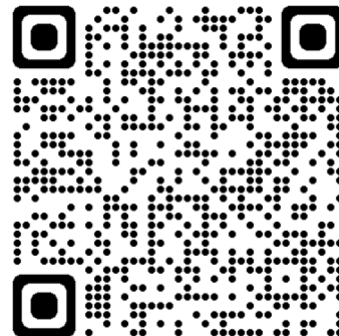
Scripture

Matthew 18:2-3 (NRSVue)

“He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.**

Offering Link



Or visit: giving.howard.edu/rankinchapel



Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson

***President and CEO,
Children's Defense Fund
& CDF Action Council***

Washington, D.C.

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is president & CEO of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and CDF Action Council.

CDF envisions a nation where marginalized children flourish, leaders prioritize their well-being, and communities wield the power to ensure they thrive. Wilson is board chair for the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) and the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE).

From 2011 through 2020, Rev. Wilson was president & CEO of Deaconess Foundation, a faith-based philanthropy for child well-being and racial justice in St. Louis. From 2008 through 2018, Dr. Wilson also pastored Saint John's Church (The Beloved Community), a multiracial congregation

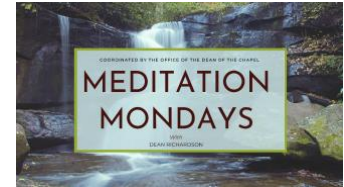
in the city. Under his leadership, the foundation constructed and established the Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being, a community action tank engaging thousands of citizens annually. After the police killing of Michael Brown, Jr., the church hosted the #BlackLivesMatter Freedom Ride to Ferguson and other mobilizations.

Wilson was appointed co-chair of the Ferguson Commission, which released the 'Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity' Report, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being and economic mobility in 2015. He currently serves boards for Duke Divinity School, the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Xavier University of Louisiana, Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary, and the Doctor of Ministry from Duke University. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Starsky is married to Dr. LaToya Smith Wilson, a dentist and child advocate. They are raising four children.

This Week at Rankin

Join us **online** for **Meditation Mondays** with Dean Richardson **every Monday morning at 9 AM** on all Rankin Chapel social platforms. @HowardUChapel on IG, X, & FB @RankinChapel on YouTube



Join us every **Thursday at 5:00 PM** for **Matters of the HeART Bible Study** in **Locke Hall Room - 365**

Join us for "Wellness Wednesdays", a weekly 30-minute wellness booster taught by Howard University's team of Mindfulness leaders. Join us at the **Little Chapel in the Carnegie Building at 12:15 p.m.**

This Week's Calls to Chapel

Phi Sigma Rho, National Sorority

If your organization would like to do a Call to Chapel, please visit bit.ly/acalltochapel

The Chapel at a Glance

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Chaplaincies & Events

Roman Catholic – Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III
Catholic Mass on Sundays at 6 PM, Douglass Rm. 120
Fellowship on Thursday at 7 PM

United Methodist – Rev. Jacob Cogman
Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 PM, Douglass Rm. 104

Quote of the Week

“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.”

— Marian Wright Edelman

Have a Great Week!

Upcoming Speakers

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Rev. Dr. Howard John-Wesley
Senior Pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Rev. Raquel S. Lettsome, Ph.D.
Professor of New Testament and Womanist Biblical Interpretation, Eden Theological Seminary
St. Louis, MO

Re-watch all of our services at
www.YouTube.com/RankinChapel



The Office of the
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