



Welcome
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THE ANDREW RANKIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
CRAMTON AUDITORIUM
REV. BERNARD L. RICHARDSON, PH.D.
DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

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The Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel
Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D., Dean of the Chapel
Sunday, November 24, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Ringling of the Bell

Sophia Hurtado
Howard University Chapel Assistants

Call to Worship

Rev. Hazel M. Cherry
Assistant Dean of the Chapel

Lighting of the Unity Candle

Jean Bailey
Friends of the Chapel

Scripture Reading

Natoy Fowler-Rowe
Evans E. Crawford Graduate Assistant
Daniel 7:13-14 NRSVue

Offering

Announcements

Greetings

Jael Johnson
President, Howard University Chapel Assistants

Musical Selection

“Lord, Help Me to Hold Out”
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir
Vernon Doggett, *Soloist*

Arr. John P. Kee

Meditation

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

Introduction of the Speaker

Musical Selection

“We Offer Praise”
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir

by David Miner

Sermon

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.,
Senior Pastor, Cathedral International
Perth Amboy, NJ

Closing Hymn

“Total Praise”

by Richard Smallwood

Benediction

We would like to thank the speaker’s assistant, Emanuel Perry, first year political science major, and the bell ringer, Sophia Hurtado, a junior political science major.

Scripture

Daniel 7:13-14 (NRSVue)

13 As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

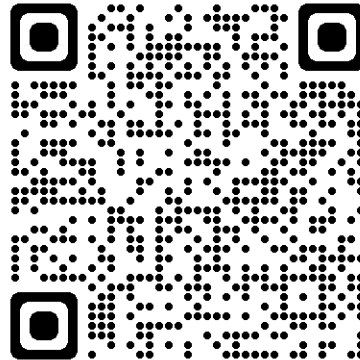
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

14 To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Offering Link



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**Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.,
Senior Pastor, Cathedral International
Perth Amboy, NJ**

Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr. serves as the Senior Pastor of Cathedral International—The Historic Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. Dr. Hilliard’s willingness to “Say Yes!” to the Lord has fostered his ability to provide leadership in the exponential growth of the church over the last 31 years. His transformational mindset is reflected in the numerous community development initiatives established under his leadership. He is the

Founder and CEO of the Cathedral Community Development Corporation (CCDC), an umbrella organization providing a variety of outreach services to the local community. The “Cathedral Community Counseling Center” provides mental health support for both the church and the community. The “Cathedral Family Life Center” houses a banquet center, library, and creative dance center. Cathedral International has been cited by the city and the state as a major catalyst for the renewal and development of the City of Perth Amboy, NJ.

Dr. Hilliard earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern College (now Eastern University), St. David’s, Pennsylvania, a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, and an earned Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, as a Dr. Samuel D. Proctor Fellow. He is also the recipient of various honorary doctoral degrees.

In 2006 after a life-threatening illness, Dr. Hilliard reinvented himself by resurrecting his gift of painting by creating original pieces of art through his abstract expressionistic company, Pulpit to the Palate Art. His premier collections of over 70 original pieces include the recently exhibited “Let Go, Let Gesture: Abstract Ascension” series at the Dragonfly Fine Arts Gallery in Martha’s Vineyard as well as “Divine Liturgy in Abstract” and “From the Pulpit to the Palate” series. His paintings grab your attention with brilliant use of color and shapes with the purpose of speaking to your mind and soul while creating rare moments of introspection.

Dr. Hilliard’s creativity does not stop with his gift of painting but extends into the theatrical arts arena. In April 2013, Dr. Hilliard’s first theatrical production, “Stop the Funeral” debuted at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ to a sold-out crowd featuring Marvin Sapp. “Stop the Funeral” was written in an attempt to create a sense of urgency of what we must do to change the mindset of the often misguided, misunderstood, and sometimes forgotten youth, and has gained momentum as a movement to end senseless violence in our streets.

Dr. Hilliard is the author of 14 books on a variety of relevant topics. His most recent book, “Midlife, Manhood, & Ministry,” was released in April 2013, and “55 and Counting,” was released in November 2013. As the son of the late Alease Elizabeth Crawford Hilliard-Chapman and the late Donald Hilliard, Sr., Hilliard credits his parents for providing a stable and loving home where education and hard work were emphasized. On February 28, 2014, he launched the Donald and Alease Hilliard Chapman Foundation in honor of his parent’s legacy.

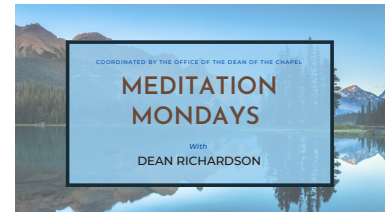
“What you see over the last 37 years has been a divine leap of faith,” said Hilliard, who partners in ministry with his wife, the Reverend Phyllis Thompson-Hilliard, BA, MA. They are the proud parents of three amazing daughters, all of whom have earned undergraduate and graduate degrees, a son-in-love, and their one and only grandson, Joseph Donald.

Bishop Hilliard is a servant of God who is comfortable in Cathedrals, storefronts, and corporate board rooms, and he continues to say “Yes” to the Lord’s call on his life. By doing so, it is evident that he has positively affected the lives of thousands with his gift to turn a glimmer of hope into opportunity.

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



Bible Study

Finding Yourself: A Journey Through Biblical Stories Every Tuesday at 7 PM Carnegie Building | Little Chapel

This Week’s Calls to Chapel

Howard University Chapel Assistants

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Bison Holiday Giveback

The Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel
Wednesday Night Live

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United Methodist – Rev. Jacob Cogman

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Catholic Mass on Sundays at 6 PM,
Douglass Hall Room 120
Fellowship on Wednesdays at 7 PM,
Douglass Hall Student Lounge

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

Quote of the Week

“I really don’t think life is about the I-could-have-beens. Life is only about the I-tried-to-do. I don’t mind the failure, but I can’t imagine that I’d forgive myself if I didn’t try.”

— **Nikki Giovanni**

Happy Holidays!

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www.YouTube.com/RankinChapel



The Office of the
Dean of the Chapel

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