



Welcome
TO THE HEART OF THE MECCA



**THE ANDREW RANKIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL
HOWARD UNIVERSITY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025
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
Heritage Sunday
Sunday, February 23, 2025
11:00 A.M.

Ringling of the Bell		Arielle Carter Howard University Chapel Assistants
Call to Worship		Rev. Hazel M. Cherry Assistant Dean of the Chapel
Lighting of the Unity Candle		Maretta Hemsley-Wood Friends of the Chapel
Scripture Reading		Psalm 37:1-5 NRSVue
Offering		
Beacon Liturgical Dance Ministry	“Rain On Us”	By Earnest Pugh
Announcements		
Greetings		Jael Johnson President, Howard University Chapel Assistants
Music Selection	“Lift Every Voice and Sing ” Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir	By James Weldon Johnson
Meditation		Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D. Dean of the Chapel
Introduction of the Speaker		
Musical Selection	“Lead Me, Guide Me” Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir Madison Jones, Soloist	By Doris Aker
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman Associate Professor, Yale University, Divinity School Newhaven, CT
Closing Hymn	“Total Praise ”	By Richard Smallwood

Benediction

We would like to thank the speaker’s assistant Ellyssa Elliott, a Sophomore, Political Science and Legal Communications (double major) and African American studies/Hip Hop Studies (Double Minor) and the bell ringer Arielle Carter a Junior Marketing Major Psychology Minor.

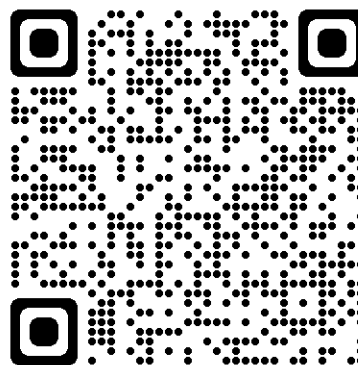
Scripture

Psalm 37:1-5 (NRSVue)

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

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

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**Rev. Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman,
Yale Divinity School,
Newhaven, CT**

The Reverend Eboni Marshall Turman, Ph.D. is the associate professor of theology and African American religion at Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, CT. A first-career concert dancer and ordained National Baptist preacher, her research interests span the varieties of twentieth and twenty-first century US theological liberalisms, most especially Black and womanist theological, social ethical, and theo-aesthetic traditions.

An uncompromising race woman of faith, she co-chairs the Black Theology unit of the American Academy of Religion, serves on the executive committee of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, and is a founding member of the Black Church Collective, Brooklyn, NY. She is also the founder of “Brilliant Black Woman,” a virtual community of thinking women of African descent who are creatively transforming and sustaining the church and the world.

A trailblazer in the church and academy, her pioneering spirit has earned her many rare distinctions. She is the youngest woman to be named Assistant Minister of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City (2002-2012), and the second woman to preside over the ordinances in its 213-year history. She formerly served as Director of Black Church Studies and Assistant Research Professor of Theological Ethics, Black Church Studies, and African American Studies at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, NC (2013-2016); as well as visiting professor of Christian Ethics at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC (2012-13).

Dr. Turman published her seminal work *Toward a Womanist Ethic of Incarnation: Black Bodies, the Black Church and the Council of Chalcedon*. She is currently completing her second monograph tentatively titled, *Black Women’s Burden: Male Power, Gender Violence, and the Scandal of African American Social Christianity*, and she has recently begun preliminary research for her third monograph titled, *In My Flesh Shall I See God: Black Womanist Theological Aesthetics*. Through her research and scholarship, Dr. Turman is transforming the way we frame the Black experience, the contemporary movement for Black lives, and the moral significance of the Black community –specifically the 21st century black church.

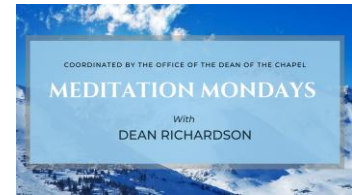
Beyond academia, Dr. Turman is passionate about helping Black people rise above and function through systemic racism, gender bias, and structural exploitation. Through her coaching and counseling, she offers tools for spiritual vocational, professional, and personal success, empowering minoritized persons and groups to assert themselves more fully in white and male dominant environments.

Dr. Turman is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. A native New Yorker, Dr. Turman holds degrees in philosophy, theology, and Christian ethics from Fordham University and the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, respectively. Her favorite scripture is found in Luke 1:45, “And blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.” She lives in New York City and Southern Connecticut with her wonderful spouse, Rossie E. Turman III, Esq., and their beautiful daughters, Haarlem and Kroux.

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.

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Bible Study

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

**HU THRIVE
Every Wednesday 5:00 PM
Yoga 6:00 PM**

This Week’s Calls to Chapel

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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 017/019

Quote of the Week

“I have come to believe over and over again that what is most important to me must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having it bruised or misunderstood.”

Audre Lorde

Have a Great Week! **Upcoming Speakers**

Sunday, March 16th, 2025
Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III
Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ
Chicago, IL

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025
Dr. Jonathan Walton, Ph.D.
President,
Princeton Theological Seminary

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