



# CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

*Robert B. & Anna Gardner*

# *Butler Chapel*





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— *Anna Gardner Butler, '40*

## History & Birth of the Chapel

### Welcome to Butler Chapel

Throughout much of its rich history, Campbell University did not have a physical sacred space on campus for worship. The community gathered in local churches and buildings on campus for 122 years until the generosity and vision of the Butler family paved the way for Butler Chapel's construction. The Robert B. and Anna Gardner Butler Chapel was dedicated in 2009 and now stands as

a tangible representation of the hope of God and the Christian mission of Campbell University.

The Chapel is a testimony to Campbell's commitment to engage in faith together as a community. It is where students, faculty, staff and friends of Campbell gather to worship, pray, remember, and learn.

In the book of 1 Kings, Solomon dedicates a temple to the Lord. He asks that the Holy Spirit would fill the temple, and that the prayers prayed within it would be heard and answered. It is our hope that all who enter Butler Chapel feel a sense of welcome and belonging as they learn, grow and explore the truth that all are most fully known and loved in Jesus Christ.

## History of Butler Chapel

“Every college and university needs a chapel. And I especially want my alma mater to have one.”

The words of Anna Gardner Butler (‘40) inspired her beloved husband Robert to look into making sure that Campbell University had its own chapel. Their initial gift paved the way for others who shared Anna’s dream of seeing a place of worship on Campbell’s campus, and many followed the faithfulness of the Butlers by donating to make the dream a reality.

The opening of Campbell Divinity School in 1996 gathered even more momentum for the construction of a chapel that would not only be a sacred space for the University to gather to worship, pray, and reflect, but a place for education and special events.

Plans for the Chapel were announced in 2007. The structure’s architectural style blends Gothic design with spare contemporary lines. It includes seating for 400 people, a sanctuary with exposed beam construction and natural wood, a chancel area, concert grand piano, and pipe organ with pipes extending the full height of the sanctuary.

Butler Chapel was dedicated in the fall of 2009 with a series of special services, each featuring an aspect of the chapel and celebrating the donors who made it possible.

“This iconic building will bring people together throughout the community and stand as a reminder that worship is essential to the purpose of this university,” said Executive Vice President John Roberson at the dedication ceremony.

“The Chapel is to the minister what the courtroom is to the lawyer, what the laboratory is to the pharmacist.”

—Dr. Michael G. Cogdill  
*Founding dean of the  
Divinity School*

## BIRTH OF THE CHAPEL

In January 2007, Campbell University announced plans for a University Chapel. A lifelong dream for many, plans for the chapel would include a sanctuary, bell tower with prayer room, and meditation gardens. It would be a capstone of campus.



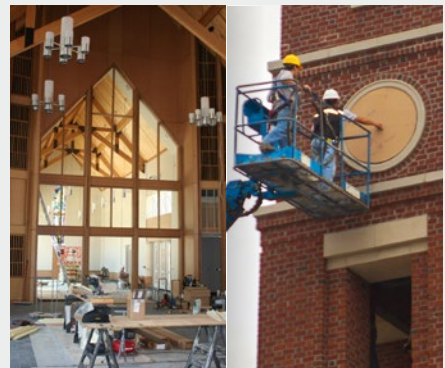
## GROUNDBREAKING

On March 12, 2008 the dream of a Chapel came to life as Campbell University broke ground on the 8.5 million dollar facility. Until that point in University history, no plans for a campus construction project garnered as much excitement and support as the sacred space of Butler Chapel.



## CONSTRUCTION

The University community watched with anticipation as the Butler Chapel rose from its foundation. The distinctive architectural design and stunning stained glass windows created excitement for a worship space that would be unique to Campbell.



## DEDICATION

October 14, 2009 marked the first of several services to dedicate Butler Chapel, Bell Tower, and Meditation Garden. These services provided an opportunity to express Campbell’s gratitude for the generous donations of many.









## Features of Butler | Windows

Butler Chapel's two iconic stained glass windows, created by Statesville Stained Glass Windows, were designed with bold colors and rich images. Inspired to create windows that would make a "beautiful statement," the artisans began to think about how to incorporate important spiritual truths and concepts into both windows.

It was crucial for the windows to have dimension and depth, offering worshipers an invitation to see into the windows and experience the Kingdom of God as expressed in each detail and symbol.

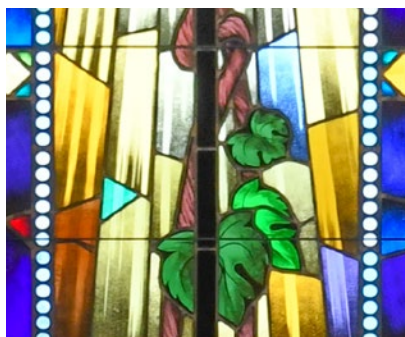
The Creation and Resurrection Windows are beautifully crafted, serving as teachers of the Gospel message and inviting all to sit, see, and take in each detail of the story.

### Resurrection Window

The placement of the Resurrection Window in the Gathering Space is significant as all are called to welcome well. The invitation to this sacred space speaks clearly in the images as the window compels all who enter to "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

Though the scale of this window is much smaller than its companion in the sanctuary, the Resurrection Window's placement allows the sunlight to move the vibrant colors within the window to reflect at different places in the Gathering Space, providing a gentle and warm reminder of Christ's presence with us.

### Significant imagery within the Resurrection Window



#### GRAPEVINE

Jesus Christ invites us in to personal relationship as he said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5). This relationship is central to living our lives as followers; to learn and grow in the love and grace of Christ, and to share that in how we live our lives in community.



#### WORLD & SCRIPTURE

These represent the final words Jesus gave the disciples in order to go into the world and share the good news of the Gospel. Jesus concluded the challenge to go with words of comfort and presence, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) The presence of Christ is also clear and evident in images of peace, light, and hope. Even as there is pain and suffering in the world, the words of Christ become clear, "But take heart, for I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)





## Creation Window

The Creation Window stands majestically at the front of the Chancel spanning floor to ceiling. The window is full of depth and dimension and comes alive with rich images from scripture to describe the Kingdom of God. The prominent feature of the window is a stream of water that flows through its center. Scripture is rich with the literal and figurative use of water as preserving, refreshing, cleansing, quenching, flowing, and pure. The water is a clear invitation in itself:

- He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters. (Psalm 23:2)
- For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (Isaiah 44:3)
- As the deer pants for you, O God, so my soul pants for the living God. (Psalm 42:1)

Water is important in the New Testament as Jesus' ministry begins with his baptism and describes himself as Living Water. We find refreshment and new life in this living water.

There are symbolic groupings throughout the window including two peacocks, two lilies, two shields, two dogwood blossoms, three circles, three butterflies, three rhododendron blossoms, and three doves.

All of these spiritual truths are encompassed in God's plan for redeeming humanity. From Genesis to Revelation, the Alpha and Omega, the author and finisher of faith is the reason for hope in this life. That image of hope is fully expressed at the top of the window with the image of the New Creation—the lion and the lamb lying together. God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer invites us to live in this story displayed in the Creation Window. All are invited to experience God's love, grace, and hope, and to share this grand story with others.

Additional information:

[The Creation Window in Butler Chapel: An Interpretation](#)



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peacocks



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lilies



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shields



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dogwood blossoms



3

circles



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butterflies



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rhododendron blossoms



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doves





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## Glass Windows

Along both sides of the sanctuary are sets of stunning open windows. They are encased beautifully with framing that follows the architectural lines seen elsewhere in the Chapel. In contrast to rich vibrant colors and symbols found in the Creation and Resurrection Windows, the windows along the aisles are profound in their simplicity. The views offer a clear imperative to take the message of Jesus Christ as we go. We depart to serve the world found right outside the windows. The windows also allow those who pass by Butler Chapel to see in and witness worship in community. The windows serve as an ongoing invitation to come and see; to experience the Spirit of God alive in worship and in the world.





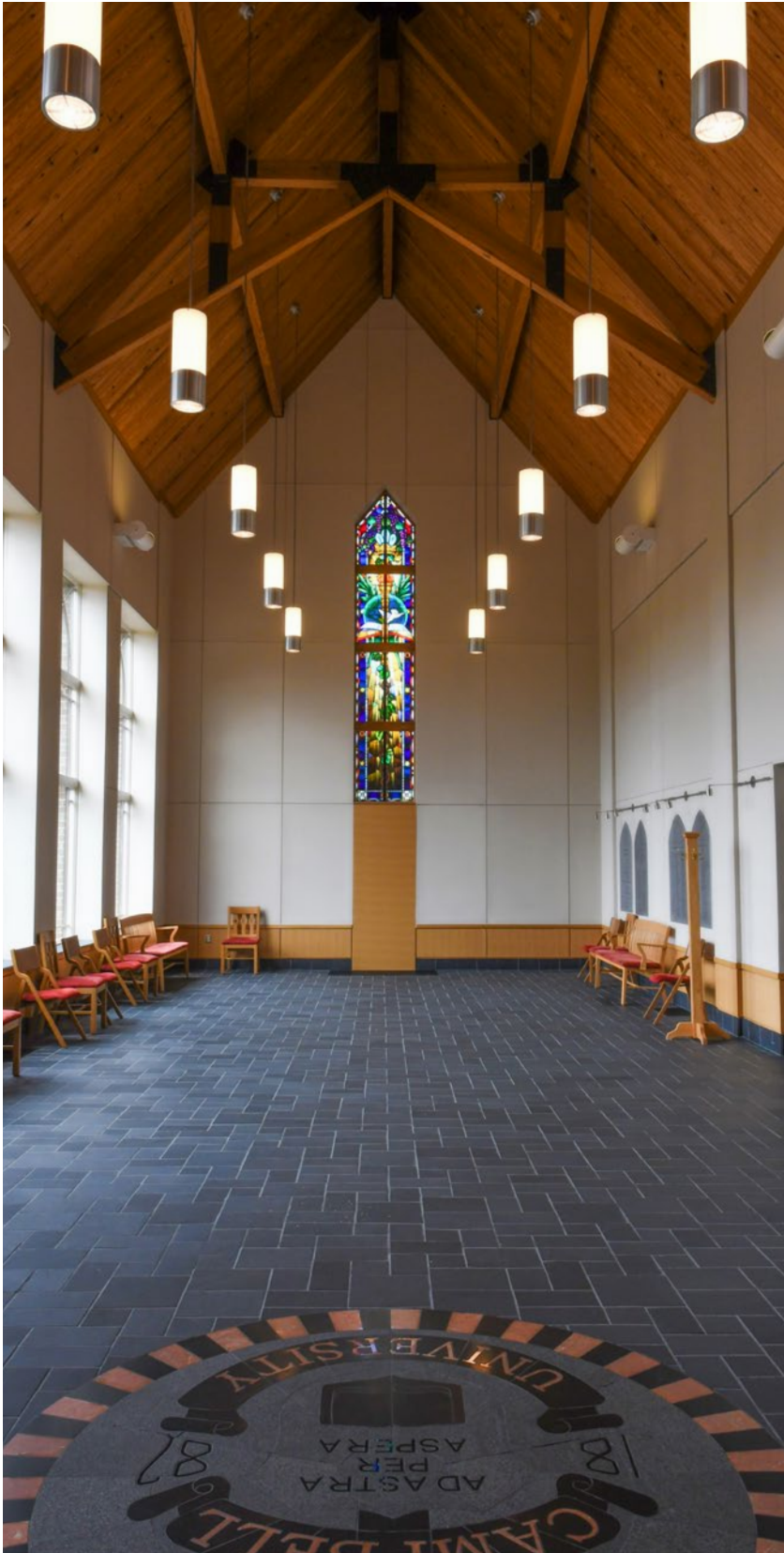


*Ad astra per aspera*

*To the stars through difficulties*







## Features of Butler Chapel | Inside

### Gathering Space

The Gathering Space welcomes those who enter Butler Chapel through the main doors. This room is a place of hospitality as groups and individuals gather to enter worship, greet one another, and spend time in conversation.

Occasionally, the space is used for smaller corporate worship gatherings or personal worship opportunities throughout the academic year.

The architecture of the Gathering Space mirrors the vaulted ceilings in the sanctuary with exposed beams and natural wood.

The University Seal, which features Campbell's motto: "Ad Astra Per Aspera" or "to the stars through difficulties," is also found inlaid in the Gathering Space floor.

The Seal includes the images of an open Bible and a Celtic cross rising above the name of the University. Surrounded by alternating black and orange tiles, it reminds all who enter the sanctuary that Butler Chapel is a building where the presence of God can be felt and acknowledged, but it is also a space where learning takes place.



The University Seal





## Chapel Pipe Organ

Built by the Cornel Zimmer Organ Company of Denver, North Carolina, the Butler Chapel organ has 20 sets of pipes for a total of 1,198 individual pipes.

Additionally, there are 58 sets of digital sounds on the organ. The digital ranks are sound samples

of actual pipes that have been individually voiced to the acoustics of Butler Chapel.

The organ features many colorful stops including two large solo reeds, a Tromba di fanfara located in the back of the Chapel, and a Tuba. There are also a large number of string sounds on the organ, including the Vox Angelique, which is also located in the

back of the Chapel. Additionally, there is a Zimbelstern (small set of bells) found on the Choir Organ.

The console of the instrument was designed to match the architecture of the Chapel and has a total of 106 drawknobs. The four keyboards of the instrument are made of maple and rosewood keys, as is the pedalboard.

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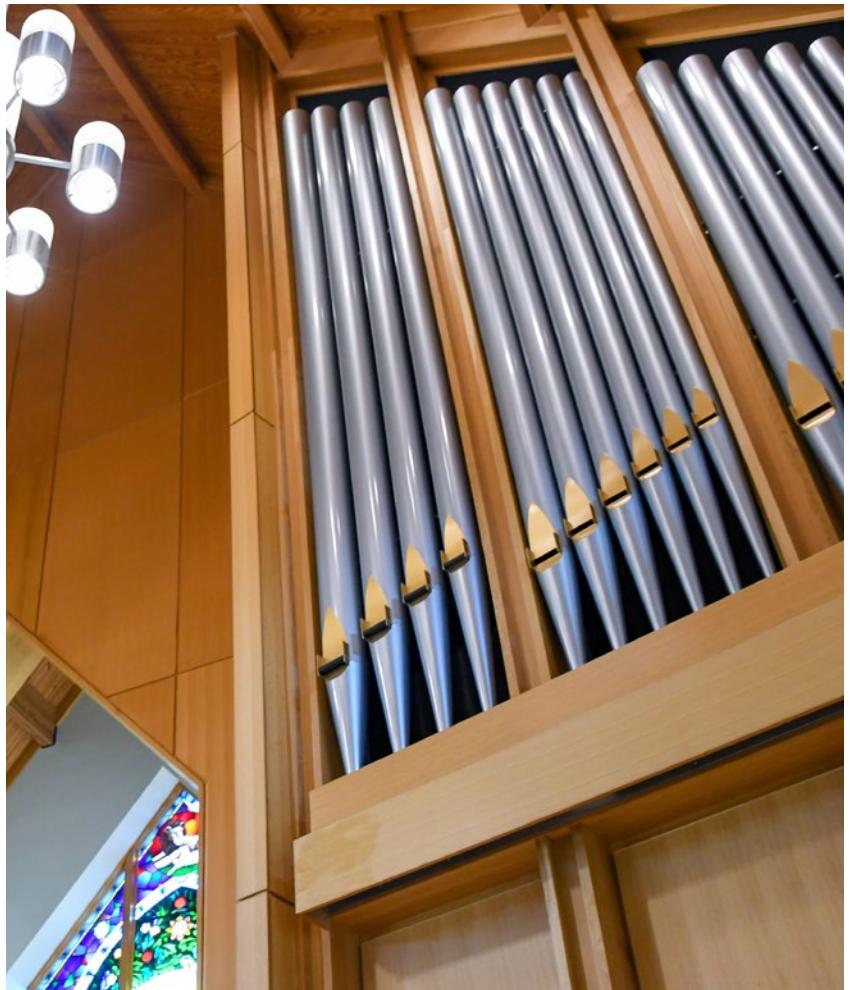
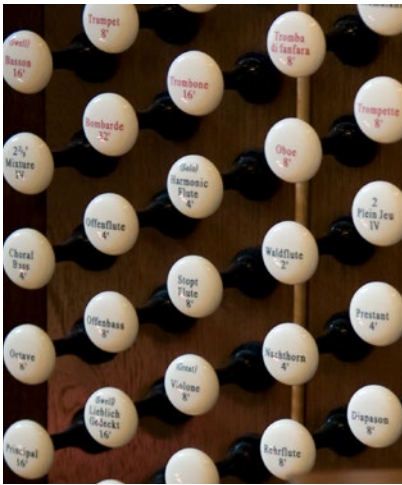
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## Chapel Grand Piano

Built by the celebrated Steinway and Sons Company, a nine-foot concert grand piano was given for use in Butler Chapel. The piano was dedicated in memory of Salemburg physician Donnie Martin Royal, and in honor of his wife, Dorothy Turlington Royal. "It is most fitting that the University Chapel piano honor their names," said Dr. Jerry M. Wallace. "Just as Steinway and Sons set the standard of excellence for pianos, the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin Royal are examples to which we should all aspire." The Steinway concert grand is the industry standard for artists and educational institutions throughout the world.







## Chancel

The Chancel is found at the east end of Butler Chapel. Students, faculty and staff lead the community in worship from the Chancel area. This space is not only reserved to worship leaders and ministers. It is open to all who feel called to speak, sing, and lead.

The Communion Table and Celtic cross can always be found in the center of the Chancel. These elements are placed at the center of the Chancel to remind all who enter that Christ remains at the center of worship.

## Communion Table & Celtic Cross

Gathering around a table to break bread and share in a meal has long been a hallmark of Christianity. The Communion Table in Butler Chapel is an open table that brings Christians of all denominations together to participate in the sharing of the body and blood of Christ through bread and wine.

“In Remembrance of Me” is inscribed on the front of the Communion Table. These words recall the words of Jesus after he and his disciples shared a final meal together, passing the bread and sharing the cup, and that as often as they would do these things that they would always remember Christ. The wood of

the Communion Table is the same natural wood as the other elements seen in the Chapel such as the organ console, the pulpit and the Celtic cross.

The Celtic cross has long been associated with Campbell University as a celebration of its Scottish heritage. The Celtic cross was commissioned and hand carved for the Divinity School years before the Chapel was constructed. Its natural wood is a beautiful compliment to the natural wood throughout the sanctuary. The carving features a ring around the arms and stem of the cross as well as inlaid patterns that symbolize the Trinity.







## Features of Butler | Outside

### Bell Tower

Standing at approximately 69 feet tall, the Dinah E. Gore Bell Tower is the tallest point on campus. The Bell Tower holds 24 bronze carillon bells ranging from 40 to 1400 pounds. The largest four bells serve several purposes: they can make up a swinging celebration peal, provide a Call to Worship, sound the traditional Westminster Clock Chimes, and strike the hours.

The carillon is controlled from the organ console and a custom bell computer system inside Butler Chapel to provide fully automatic pealing, clock chimes and melody, as well as keyboard operation.

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## Prayer Room

Found in the base of the Bell Tower, this room provides the campus community with a place for quiet reflection and meditation. Small groups of students often gather in this space to pray or worship together.

The windows of the Prayer Room are in the same style as the windows on the sides of Butler Chapel, encouraging those who sit in the room to look out and pray for the world, while allowing the world around them to enter into prayer with them.



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## Meditation Garden

The Meditation Garden surrounds the entrance to the Prayer Room in the base of the Bell Tower. It is a perfect place for solitude, providing space to sit or walk in order to pause and reflect.

In the center of the Meditation Garden is the Memorial Fountain and the Memorial Stone, which bears the names of students who have died during their time at Campbell so they will always be remembered as part of the community.



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## Chapel Courtyard & Reflecting Pools

The Chapel Courtyard and Reflecting Pools complete the outdoor elements to the Butler Chapel complex. Each location is designed to provide a sense of comfort and peace to all who experience them.

The moving water along the entrance to the Gathering Space and the Meditation Garden provide a soothing sound to those who sit on the circular Prayer Wall and remind all who enter Butler Chapel that Christ is the Living Water.







*The doors of this Chapel open wide with welcome.  
Those who enter the Chapel cross a threshold into a  
space where they can belong, be known and be loved.*





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## Life of the Chapel

Butler Chapel is a vibrant part of the campus community. Throughout the year, students, faculty, staff, and members from the community gather in Butler Chapel. It is a place that breathes welcome, worship, learning, and faith.

The Chapel stands as a reminder to all who come on campus that as a University, the expression of our Christian mission is at the heart of everything we do.

## The Chapel Experience

While Butler Chapel is a place for corporate worship, it is also a welcome place for personal worship, and reflection. In the sacred spaces of the Chapel, gardens and prayer room, one can encounter sound and silence. Both are important practices to help us feel and know God.

## Weddings

Weddings are an important part of the life of Butler Chapel. Since opening its doors, members of the Campbell community have chosen the beloved space of the Chapel for their ceremony.







## Worship Opportunities

Undergraduate students gather in Butler Chapel once a month for Campus Worship. Faculty and staff worship together at Christmas and with students at Thanksgiving and Ash Wednesday. Special worship services like Freshman Worship, Family Worship and worship offerings during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter are offered for the entire University community.

## Connections

Connections is the undergraduate spiritual formation course taught by the Office of Spiritual Life and held in Butler Chapel. Students take this course in spring of their first year and fall of their second year. It is one of the longest standing traditions at Campbell as we maintain our Christian heritage.



## Divinity School Chapel

Butler Chapel is central to the life of Campbell University Divinity School. It is the site of lectures, classes and concerts. It provides the space in which students, staff and faculty experience the power of community. Its most vital role, however, occurs every Tuesday morning as the Divinity School community gathers for worship. The beauty of the chapel—its stained glass windows, its pipe organ and its lofty ceiling—affords the participant a holy space to escape the commotion of life and experience the presence of God. Amid the prayers that are prayed, the hymns sung and the sermons preached, there is the powerful expectation that God will meet worshipers inside its walls.



## Music

Music in Butler Chapel celebrates its wonderful acoustics for both voice and instrument. From the majestic sounds of the organ and piano to the beautiful range of voices in University choral groups, the Chapel provides space for concerts that showcase and celebrate a variety of sacred music traditions.

## Traditions

Traditions are important in the life of a University and Butler Chapel is home to many of them. These traditions include Freshman Worship on the Sunday after move in day, a prayer labyrinth in the Gathering Space each fall, the Ring Ceremony during Homecoming, a Christmas Candlelight Service on Reading Day, Stations of the Cross during Holy Week and Baccalaureate the week before graduation.



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