For Israel in the Old Testament and for Jews today, God’s gift of the law is not for their punishment or restriction but for their flourishing and blessing. God desires a response of participation and obedience. In Deuteronomy, God lays the law before his people with choices of life and blessing, death and adversity, with a plea that his people choose life. Psalm 119 is often known as a love song to the law. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus renews Israel’s understanding of the law. It is not just that misguided actions (murder and adultery) are harmful; the thoughts behind the actions (anger and lust) are just as damaging to the people of God.
Gathering
Carillon
Organ Prelude

Sonata No. 1 in F Minor  
Andante Recitativo  
Allegro moderato e serioso

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 108  
God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister:  Lord have mercy.  
People:  Lord have mercy.  
Minister:  Christ have mercy.  
People:  Christ have mercy.  
Minister:  Lord have mercy.  
People:  Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: form us in the reading of your word so that we show his love to all people, and by our lives all are inspired to worship Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 179 in the pew Bible

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God.

* All rise as able
Psalm Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Text: Psalm 119:33

New Testament Lesson | NT page 156-157 in the pew Bible

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 4-5 in the pew Bible

Matthew 5:21-37

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Response

*Response Hymn 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.
Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Mission of the Month

Offertory Anthem

Ubi caritas          Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)


Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us exult and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love one another with a sincere heart. Amen.

Text: Traditional Liturgical

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 730

O Day of God, Draw Nigh ST. MICHAEL
Choral Benediction

God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Text: Sarum Primer

Organ Postlude

Allegro assai vivace (from Sonata No. 1)  

Mendelssohn

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.
MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Amanda Highben ........... Minister, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson ......................... Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Acelynn Barefoot ........ Chapel Scholar, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Today’s flowers are made possible by the generosity of the Gotham Fund.

MISSION OF THE MONTH | Meals on Wheels Durham is a nonprofit agency committed to enhancing the quality of life for eligible homebound adults in the Durham community. The mission of Meals on Wheels is to serve the elderly, frail, disabled, convalescing, and others who cannot provide proper nutrition for themselves. Dedicated volunteers deliver a nutritious meal, a safety check, and a smile that serves as a lifeline to community members. This combination goes well beyond fighting the battle against hunger—it provides the support and peace of mind that enable them to remain safely and securely in their own homes as they continue to age.

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER | Today’s Wilkinson Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long. He is the Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching and director of the Early Career Pastoral Leadership Program at Candler School of Theology. His primary area of research is homiletics. Dr. Long is also deeply interested in biblical studies, practical theology, and liturgy. He has written commentaries on the biblical books of Hebrews, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Pastoral Epistles.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children age four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel’s lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

ENGAGE

WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | Students, staff, visitors, and community members are always welcome at Duke Chapel. For more information, please see the websites listed on the back page and sign-up for weekly e-newsletters.

CHAPEL TOUR | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | Donations for Meals on Wheels of Durham may be placed on the back pew today.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES | The Chapel will hold two services on Ash Wednesday, February 26, both with imposition of ashes. The first service is at 8:00 a.m. and the second is at 5:15 p.m. The preacher at both services is the Rev. Ali Tranvik, pastor for the Duke Lutherans campus ministry.
STUDENT PREACHER | Each year the Chapel selects an undergraduate student to preach during a Sunday morning worship service. This year’s student preacher is senior Liddy Grantland, a Chapel Scholar and member of the Chapel’s National Advisory Board. From Columbia, South Carolina, Grantland is active in the Duke Wesley Fellowship and is majoring in African and African American Studies and English. She will give the sermon during next week’s Sunday morning worship service at 11:00 a.m.

EVENSONG SINGERS CONCERT | The Chapel’s Evensong Singers present a concert titled “Great Music for Soaring Spaces” next Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 p.m. Join them for some of the finest choral and organ works of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, composed for great spaces and festive occasions. The music is from Calvin Hampton, Gerre Hancock, Lee Hoiby, Herbert Howells, Gerald Finzi, Eriks Ešenvalds, and Leo Sowerby. Admission is free.

SHELTER DINNERS | Volunteers are needed to provide lasagnas and service at Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St., Durham on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:15 p.m. and Sunday, March 8, at 5:15 p.m. To volunteer and request detailed information, please contact Cricket Scovill at scovilj@aol.com or the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

APPLY TO THE PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP | Graduating seniors and recent Duke graduates are invited to apply to become a Duke Chapel PathWays Fellow. The yearlong fellowship gives recent graduates the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction, as well as opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Application deadline is February 24.

LENTEN BOOK GROUPS | During the season of Lent, three book groups will discuss Henri Nouwen’s *Discernment*. The book is a collection of Nouwen’s wisdom about, insights on, and practice of spiritual discernment. The five-week series will have groups meeting on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday mornings, and Wednesday evenings starting the first week of March. Contact the Congregation office (congregation@duke.edu, 919-684-3917) for complete details.

CHAPEL ORGANIST’S RECITAL | Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson, FRCO, will give a recital on Sunday, March 1, at 5:15 p.m. Jacobson has presented recitals in North America, Europe, and Australia, and he records for the Dutch label Pentatone. His performance on the Aeolian organ is titled “Credo: I Believe” and will feature Marcel Dupré’s *Symphonie-Passion*, Op. 23. Admission is free.

LABYRINTH MARCH 2-3 | All are invited to walk the labyrinth in the Chapel on Monday, March 2, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The labyrinth, a forty-foot circle containing a winding path, is an ancient spiritual tradition in many faiths. The labyrinth is self-guided and takes thirty minutes to an hour to complete. It is presented in partnership with the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South.
DUKE CHAPEL READS | With the Duke Chapel Reads program, the Chapel aims to curate spaces for reflection and conversation, responding to recent national events and contemporary culture. This year’s book is *Who Is an Evangelical?: The History of a Movement in Crisis* by Thomas S. Kidd. Students and others interested in joining a reading group for the book should contact the Rev. Joshua Lazard, the Chapel’s C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement, at joshua.lazard@duke.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | Volunteers are needed on Monday, March 9, and Tuesday, March 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to provide food, assist in serving food, and provide child care while parents are in a class at Families Moving Forward, a shelter for homeless families. Volunteers may serve on either or both evenings. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Daniel at lcdaniel1902@yahoo.com or call the Congregation office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise:** For children ages 03– with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- **Godly Play:** For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford
- **Godly Play Advanced:** For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford
- **New Member Class:** For those exploring membership in 0014 Westbrook
- **Youth Bible Study:** For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study:** Study on the book of Acts in 0015 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum:** On February 23, the Rev. Joshua Lazard, C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement, Duke University Chapel, will address “Who Is an Evangelical? The History of a Movement in Crisis.” The forum is held in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email