Today is the first Sunday after the start of classes. The lectionary passages for today are fitting for this Opening Sunday of the academic year. The beginning of the new year is a time ripe for both reflection and anticipation, and the Old Testament passage that comes from the Song of Solomon speaks to the joy and hope of a new season—a time when flowers appear on the earth, and the time of singing has come. The scripture lessons from James and Mark focus on the importance of authentic faith. Both James and Mark prod their readers to consider what it would mean to open their lives in radical ways to the transformative power of Christ. Today also begins a new chapter of the Chapel’s life. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery as our new Dean!
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE
Gallardas I (1º tono)                     Juan Cabanilles
(1644-1712)

INTROIT
Softly and Tenderly                        arr. René Clausen
(text found at #348 of the hymnal)       (b. 1953)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Lead Us In

WOODLANDS

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

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
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)
Almighty God, you search us and know us: as we search
to know you through your word, help us to rely on you in
strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Song of Solomon 2:8-13
(OT page 588 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One                     Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is
past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing birds is come; arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away. —Song of Solomon 2:10-12

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

*Gradual Hymn 396 (stanzas 1-2)
O Jesus, I Have Promised
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NT pages 39-40)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 396 (stanzas 3-4)
O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel’s Story
Sermon—Worthless Religion

Response

Commissioning of Director of Community Ministry and PathWays Fellows

Director of Community Ministry

Dr. Lohr Sapp: The role of the Director of Community Ministry is to bring the profound influence of Duke Chapel to bear on the University, the town, the region, and the American church in generous and life-giving ways. Your role is to make Duke Chapel and some of the most disadvantaged people of Durham more visible to one another by being present and facilitating friendships in the West End and surrounding neighborhoods. Bruce, is this your understanding of the role to which you are called?

Director of Community Ministry: It is.

Dean Powery: The Lord bless you and empower you to serve him in wisdom and truth. The Lord bless you with gentleness, patience, and hope, that you may meet him in the face of friend and stranger.

People: Amen.

THE PATHWAYS FELLOWS

Dr. Hollowell: As Chapel PathWays Fellows, all of you have made a commitment to explore vocation through residential community in the West End. Together you have committed to a year of vocational exploration through engagement in nonprofit and ministry settings in Durham. Ben, Hillary, Janet, and Jessica is this your understanding of the role to which you’ve been called?

PathWays Fellows: It is.

Dean Powery: The Lord bless you with courage, faith, and mutual forbearance as you seek to know God and make him known.

People: Amen.

Dean Powery: At Duke Chapel, we celebrate those in the Durham community who long for reconciliation and social healing. Here today are many who care deeply about the West End and surrounding neighborhoods, and they are allowing their lives to be gently transformed by new friendships. Today we renew our commitment to journey together. Do you believe God is at work in the West End?

People: We do.

Dean Powery: Loving God, give us grace to meet you in one another and teach us to walk in your footsteps, day by day.

People: 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: “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY
Upon This Rock John Ness Beck
(1930-1987)

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come. Arise, and come away. —Matthew 16:18; Song of Solomon 2:11-13

(Choir and Congregation standing, at the direction of the conductor)

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Yet she on earth hath union with Father, Spirit, Son,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and Holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Amen. —Samuel J. Stone

THANKSGIVING

This morning we give thanks for the administration of the University and its leadership in creating the policies and procedures that allow the university to flourish. The ushers bring a copy of the University’s 2006 strategic plan to the altar.

In Durham we remember all those who live in the West End. The ushers bring forward a map of the greater West End neighborhoods.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction
**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning  

Praise the source of faith and learning who has sparked and stoked the mind  
With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey  
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray:

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art  
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought  
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets thought;  
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed  
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow  
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,  
May we blend our faith and learning till they carve a single course,  
And our seeking and our yearning join in praising you their source:

Praise for minds to probe the heavens, praise for strength to breathe the air,  
Praise for all that beauty leavens, praise for silence, music, prayer,  
Praise for justice and compassion and for strangers, neighbors, friends,  
Praise for hearts and lips to fashion, praise for love that never ends.

**CHORAL BLESSING**

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 my end and in my departing.

**POSTLUDE**

Tocata IV (5º tono)  

*All who are able may stand.*
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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

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Preacher  
The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor  
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Dr. Robert Parkins  
Dr. David Arcus  
Guest Musicians  
Amalgam Brass Ensemble  
Presiding Minister for Memorial Chapel Communion  
The Rev. McKennon Shea  
*Director of Admissions, Duke Divinity School; Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*  
Head Ushers  
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Jeff Harrison

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**ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER**

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**THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL**

**MORNING PRAYER - Tuesday** at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel  
*(not on Monday this week due to Labor Day holiday)*

**COMMUNION AND HEALING - Tuesday** at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel

**CHORAL VESPERS - Thursday** at 5:15 p.m. in the Chancel
TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the new academic year by the Nan and Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ann Sanders, together with a couple who have asked not to be named, have pledged to match all PathWays gifts on a one-to-one basis up to $60,000.

TODAY’S PROCERSSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL HYMNS—This morning’s opening hymn text was written by Brian Wren and commissioned by Duke University Chapel on the occasion of its 75th anniversary in 2010. The new hymn refrains from mentioning Duke Chapel by name (thus allowing it to be relevant to any place of worship), but the words skillfully address the unique challenges of a grand, inspiring church in the midst of a major secular research university and in a community with a rich and complex history. The recessional hymn, “Praise the Source of Faith and Learning,” was commissioned by the Waldo Beach Hymnody Endowment of Duke University Chapel. The text is by Thomas H. Troeger, Professor Emeritus at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Professor Troeger wrote this hymn with Duke University’s motto, eruditio et religio (“Education and Religion”), as its theme.

SCAFFOLDING IN THE CHAPEL AND UPCOMING CLOSURE—Beginning Monday, September 10, Duke Chapel will close for nine to eleven days so its ceiling can undergo maintenance and inspection. The Sunday worship service on September 16 will be held on the Chapel lawn with Page Auditorium as a backup location in the event of rain. David Arcus’s September 16 organ recital has been cancelled. During the time when the upstairs portion of the Chapel is closed, Monday Morning Prayer will be held in the Chapel basement lounge. The Tuesday Communion Service and Thursday Choral Vespers Services will

**DUKE CHAPEL PATHWAYS**

Keeping the hearts of students listening to the heart of God

Duke Chapel PathWays is a ministry that provides opportunities for students to discern God’s call for their lives on campus, in Durham, and beyond, through study, mentoring, service, and community. If you are a student who is interested in getting involved with PathWays, please email adam.hollowell@duke.edu or visit www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways.

Three quick ways to get involved:
- join a fall semester small group! www.chapel.duke.edu/discernment-groups-survey
- have coffee with Adam or Bruce
- follow us on facebook! www.facebook.com/dukechapelpathways
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—Adult Forum will begin next week on September 9 when Rev. Bruce Puckett, Steve Harper, and a representative from the pastor search committee will lead a discussion titled, “Looking Back and Moving Forward: The Path of Transitions for the Congregation.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**Congregation Potluck**—Please join the Congregation for the first potluck lunch of the new school year. Our “Welcome and Welcome Back” get-together will be after worship on Sunday, September 9, in the Chapel Lounge. Bring a dish to share for six to eight people. Dishes can be dropped off in the kitchen anytime Sunday morning, and curbside service for dish drop-off will be available in the Bryan Center Circle. Contact Judy Arneson to make arrangements at 919-968-7822.

**Graduate/Professional Students Gathering following Worship**—Today after worship, graduate and professional students will meet at the James B. Duke statue in front of the Chapel before going to a local restaurant for lunch. Recent college graduates and friends are welcome.

**Student Activity Bags**—The Congregation’s Student Outreach Ministry will be passing out activity bags following worship this morning. These bags include a schedule of meals and other events the Congregation has planned for students, as well as other treats. All university students are welcome.

**Youth Ministry and Invitation to Serve with Youth**—Sunday School classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. If you are a university student who would like to work with middle school and senior high youth, please contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu or by calling 919-684-3917.

**September Collection**—The Local Missions and Outreach is sponsoring the September monthly collection to benefit Agape Corner School on the Sundays of September 9 and 23. Agape Corner is a Christian boarding school located in the heart of downtown Durham which serves a multi-ethnic student body. The current needs are cleaning supplies, toilet tissue, and biodegradable plates, forks, and spoons. Checks may also be made to the Congregation at Duke Chapel with Agape Corner in the memo line. Bring your donations to the back pew of the Chapel. If you have questions, please contact Ed or Linda Karolak at 919-383-4233 or EKarolak@aol.com
The PathWays Fellows are joined by those who will share in this year of discernment through service, prayer, and friendship. The PathWays Fellows are joined by those who will share in this year of discernment through service, prayer, and friendship. Standing with the Fellows are representatives from the Fellows’ internship sites. This is the seventh year the PathWays house has been home to students living in Christian community.

Ben DeMarco, Duke 2012
Ben was born in Charlottesville, VA, but grew up in the small town of Marion, South Carolina. He was pre-med with a major in English and a minor in Chemistry. Ben, a Benjamin N. Duke Scholar, was active with the Duke Wesley Fellowship and a regular volunteer at the Samaritan Health Center in Durham while an undergraduate. Ben will spend his Fellowship year working with Kim Nichols in the Duke Medical Center’s Division of Community Health and discerning his place in the intersection of medicine and ministry.

Jessica Howsam, Duke 2012
Jessica Howsam grew up in Toronto, Ontario. At Duke, Jessica called both the Chapel PathWays community and the Duke Wesley Fellowship home. Jessica graduated with a double major in Public Policy and Political Science and hopes to study Social Work and Political Science in graduate school. Her years of involvement with the Durham Crisis Response Center and her desire to live in Christian community led Jessica to the Pathways Fellows Program. This year she will expand her involvement with DCRC under the supervision of Deanna Manley.

Hillary Martinez, Duke 2012
Hillary grew up in Southern California just off the campus of UC Irvine, as the youngest of four girls. As an undergraduate, she majored in English, minored in Education, and had the opportunity to put together an interactive poetry exhibit as a senior project. The summer after her freshman year, Hillary spent two months in the PathWays house as a summer intern with the Youth Life Foundation, a tutoring center in the Cornwallis neighborhood. Returning this year as a fellow, Hillary will work at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, coordinating activities for young children in the congregation and collaboratively planning outreach and social justice efforts. She is so thankful for the time and space this fellows year provides to consider prayerfully her calling and vocation.
Today begins a new chapter of the Chapel’s life. The university community and Duke Chapel are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery as our new Dean! Powery comes to the Chapel from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was the Perry and Georgia Engle assistant professor of homiletics. He received his B.A. from Stanford University, his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Th.D. from Emmanuel College, University of Toronto. Dean Powery is the author of *Spirit Speech: Lament and Celebration in Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 2009). His most recent book, *Dem Dry Bones: Preaching, Death, and Hope*, draws on the spirituals as a resource for preaching and was published by Fortress Press in July. He was ordained by the Progressive National Baptist Convention and has served in an ecumenical capacity in religious settings around the world. Dean Powery is married to Gail Powery, with whom he has a daughter, Moriah, and a son, Zachary. He will preach his first sermon as Dean next Sunday, September 9.
Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN
† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.
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We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 919-684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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