In this morning's Scripture lesson from Proverbs, Solomon personifies Wisdom as a woman who calls to and reproves her listeners for ignoring her counsel. Warning of the calamities that will befall those who do not learn by first choosing the fear of the Lord, Wisdom invites the listener instead to take heed of her life-giving words. Likewise, the apostle James warns of the fires set ablaze by restless and unbridled speech, teaching that praising of God and cursing those made in God's image must not come from the same tongue. In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus rebukes Peter when he denies that it is necessary for the Son of God to suffer and die before being raised to new life. Jesus warns us not to be ashamed of him or his words, but rather promises that those who lose their lives for his sake will find true life.
Gathering
Carillon
Opening Voluntary

Andante religioso

Franz Liszt
(1811–1886)

Air (from Suite No. 1)

Florence Price
(1887–1953)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

*Prayers 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:

Lord of creation, whose glory is all around us: open our eyes to your wonders, and send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 552 in the pew Bibles

Proverbs 1:20–33

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

Anthem

Their Sound Is Gone Out (from Messiah) George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words unto the ends of the world.

* All who are able may stand

—Romans 10:18; Psalm 19:1
New Testament Lesson | NT page 216 in the pew Bibles

James 3:1–12

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

*Gradual Hymn 451 (Stanza 1) | Face the Gospel Procession

Be Thou My Vision

Gospel Lesson | NT page 41 in the pew Bibles

Mark 8:27–38

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

*Gradual Hymn 451 (Stanzas 2–3) | Face the Gospel Procession

Be Thou My Vision

Sermon

Street Preaching

Response

*The 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

The Heavens Are Telling

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory.
Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!
The starry hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtain'd slumber;
O man, adore the King of Kings!

The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor,
His power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever
Thy God and Father still shall be.
He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver,
A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor,
In Him salvation shalt thou find.

—Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, based on Psalm 14

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

Sending Forth

*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.

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 115

How Like a Gentle Spirit
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery .................... Dean of Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ....................... Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. J. Kameron Carter.............. Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University

LECTORS
Ms. Joy Reeves ............................ Duke Wesley Fellowship, Chapel Scholar, Trinity '22
Mr. Nikhil Pulimood ........................ Chapel Scholar, Trinity '19

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Ms. Anna Hoover ........................... Duke Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Choir ................................... Choir
Dr. Philip Cave .............................. Associate Conductor for Chapel Music
Dr. Robert Parkins ......................... University Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ................. Chapel Organist
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond ................ University Carillonneur

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ................... Assistant Dean of Duke University Chapel

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong ................ Members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Due to the threat of inclement weather, no flowers were delivered for today’s service.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support Duke Chapel’s sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity home, with the Duke Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Duke Habitat is an active student organization on campus that raises awareness and funds for Durham Habitat for Humanity. Families selected by Habitat work closely with volunteers, investing 240–300 hours of their own labor, or “sweat equity,” in building their homes. Because partner families and Duke students do nearly 80% of the work on Habitat homes, a Duke Chapter house fosters close connections between the students of Duke University and the people of Durham.
TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER | J. Kameron Carter was recently named Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. Formerly, Dr. Carter was Associate Professor of Theology, English, and Africana studies at Duke University Divinity School with appointments in the English Department and in the Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Department. He works in black studies, doing so using theological and religious studies concepts, philosophy and aesthetics, and literatures and poetries of the black diaspora. Carter’s book *Race: A Theological Account* appeared in 2008 (New York: Oxford UP). He is the editor of *Religion and the Future of Blackness* (2013). He is author of numerous essays and has lectured widely both nationally and internationally. The manuscript of his book-in-progress, *Black Rapture: A Poetics of the Sacred*, is in its final stages of preparation. *Black Rapture* will be the first volume in a three volume project whose general title is *Mystic Song* and whose general concern is with the mysticism of black social life.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.

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

RECEIVE PRAYER | Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.

LEARNING THE LITURGY: GATHERING | Our Sunday morning worship begins with the church assembling together, indicated in the order of worship in the bulletin as “Gathering.” Music from the carillon, the organ, and the choir creates a worshipful atmosphere for people to enter the space of the Chapel and find a place of worship and sanctuary. To be ready to worship with people from different places with different life experiences involves intentional individual and communal preparation. So we invite people to enter in a spirit of contemplation and prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to enable us to worship.

ENGAGE

WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions.
BACK PEW COLLECTION | To support Habitat for Humanity volunteers, the following items will be collected today and next Sunday, September 23: rolls of duct tape, Sharpie markers, construction pencils, box cutters, measuring tapes, and similar small supplies. Please place donations on the back pew.

USHERING | The Ministry of Welcome and Hospitality: Do you enjoy making others feel welcome at worship? Do you like greeting people with a smile and a warm word? Do you enjoy ushering people into an encounter with Christ and his community? Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve the Duke Chapel community? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, we would love for you to consider serving occasionally as an Usher for our Sunday morning, Evensong, or Vespers worship services. Whether you are a university student or simply a life-long student, we would be delighted for you to participate. If you would like to know more, please contact Rev. Bruce at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

HOMESHARE DURHAM | Do you have an extra room in your home or know someone who does? Could you use some help with chores in and/or outside your home? Would you like some companionship at home? Could you use a little extra money on a regular basis? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, Homeshare Durham might be for you! This new program matches home providers with home seekers via a screening process of both. Renters pay below-market rates in exchange for providing agreed-upon services. To learn more about this new program, initiated by Durham Congregations In Action (DCIA), visit http://www.dcia.org/homesharedurham.

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT | Young adults and University students are invited to gather for a casual dinner on the third Friday of the month. On Friday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m., participants will gather at Luna Rotisserie and Empanadas, 112 W. Main St, Durham. For more information, contact joshua.c.stanley@duke.edu.

CONGREGATION PICNIC | All are invited to attend a fall picnic on Sunday, September 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Piney Wood Park, 400 East Woodcroft Parkway in Durham. Games and activities will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by a potluck supper. Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Come for fun, food, and fellowship. All ages are welcome!

HELP FOR THOSE WHO MOURN | Growing Thru Grief is hosting a six week series on the grief process starting September 25. The speaker will be Artie Hendricks, a Senior Clinical Administrative Chaplain of Palliative Care and Bereavement Services at Duke University Hospital. Following the presentation, participants break into small group discussions. Meetings are held year-round on Tuesdays at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Rd., with refreshments at 4:00 p.m. and discussion from 4:30–6:00 p.m.

RETREAT ON COVENANT COMMUNITY | On Saturday, September 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Dr. Ellen Davis will lead a half-day retreat on the topic of covenant community. The retreat will be held at The Freeman Center, 1415
Faber St., Durham, with childcare provided. A participant fee of $10 will cover the cost of a catered lunch. Please make a reservation for the retreat by contacting the Congregation office by Monday, September 24.

**BACH CANTATA CONCERT** | The first concert this year in the Chapel’s Bach Cantata Series is Sunday, September 30, at 5:15 p.m. Admission is free. As part of a “both sides” theme for the series, selections of Bach’s music will be presented framed by both his predecessors and his successors. All concerts will feature period instruments, local singers, and professional soloists. Learn more about this year’s Chapel Music Season at chapel.duke.edu/music.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Sunday morning Christian Education classes for all ages are offered year-round. All classes held in the lowest level of the Westbrook building from 9:45–10:45 a.m. with refreshments beginning at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. The classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: A study on Ezra and Nehemiah in 0015 Westbrook

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

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