In this morning’s Scripture readings, the apostle Paul exhorts the church at Thessalonica not to grow weary in doing what is right and to live in a way that is consistent with the Gospel. Jesus prophesies portents in the heavens and growing persecution of the church, urging his disciples to endure and trust in him. The prophet Isaiah tells of God’s glorious new creation at the end of time, where the faithful are rewarded, and weeping will be heard no more.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig, BWV 768
(Hail to thee, kind Jesus)     Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CHORAL INTROIT

Jerusalem, gaude

(Durch was Geldeisch) Jacob Handl (1550–1591)

Jerusalem, gaudia magna quia veniet tibi salvator. Alleluia.
Montes et colles humiliabuntur et erunt prava in directa et aspera in vias planas.
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare, Alleluia.
Juste et pius vivamus expectantes beatam spem et adventum Domini. Alleluia.

Jerusalem, rejoice with great joy, for the Savior will come to you. Alleluia.
I will place in Zion my salvation, and in Jerusalem my glory. Alleluia.
The mountains and hills will be made low, and the crooked will become straight and the rough paths smooth.
Come, Lord, and do not be late. Alleluia.
Let us live justly and dutifully, awaiting a blessed hope and the coming of the Lord. Alleluia.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 427 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE
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)**

Father of glory, touch our hearts with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise. Come now to shine light on your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**—Isaiah 65:17–25 (OT page 654)

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

**Anthem**

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.”

—Revelation 21:1–4

**New Testament Lesson**—2 Thessalonians 3:6–13 (NT page 195)

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

*Gradual Hymn 730 (stanza 1–2)*

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)


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

*Gradual Hymn 730 (stanzas 3–5)*

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

**Sermon**—There’s Work to Do

**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.

COMMISSIONING OF CHAPEL PATHWAYS SCHOLARS

The new Chapel Scholars gather on the chancel steps, facing Dr. Adam Hollowell, the Director of Student Ministry, and Dean Luke Powery.

Dean Powery: Chapel Scholars walk together on a journey of discernment which includes listening to God in the classroom, among peers and pastors, in conversation, and at work, in Durham and beyond. Are you ready to meet God and discover more of who God has made you to be?

New Scholars: We are.

Dr. Hollowell: We thank you, Lord, for the churches that have formed these students, and for the communities on campus that nourish and enrich their faith. Bless these Chapel Scholars as they listen for your voice and respond to your call, and show them how to find freedom in your service.

New Scholars: Amen.

Dean Powery: Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Walk with us on the way, that we may find your truth and enter your new life.

Congregation: Give us the grace to grow in love and friendship with you and with each other. 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 ANTHEM

Guiding Light of Eternity

Stephen Paulus
(1949–2014)

O God, who brought me from the rest of last night
Unto the joyous light of this day,
Be thou bringing me from the new light of this day
Unto the guiding light of eternity.
Oh! From the new light of this day
Unto the guiding light of eternity.

Thanks be to thee, God,
Who brought me from yesterday
To the beginning of today,
Everlasting joy
To earn for my soul
With good intent.

And for every gift of peace
Thou bestows on me,
My thoughts, my words,
My deeds, my desires
I dedicate to thee.

I supplicate thee,
I beseech thee,
To keep me from offence,
And to shield me tonight,
For the sake of thy wounds
With thine offering of grace.

O God, who brought me from the rest of last night
Unto the joyous light of this day,
Be thou bringing me from the new light of this day
Unto the guiding light of eternity.
Oh! From the new light of this day
Unto the guiding light of eternity.

—Celtic Invocation

*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.

Sending Forth

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

(The 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 438

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

*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

Toccata, from Plymouth Suite

Percy Whitlock
(1903–1946)

Carillon
Ministry of Worship

Presiding Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Dr. Adam Hollowell

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Lectors
Ms. Delaney Thompson
PCM, Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Trinity ’18
Mr. Nikhil Pulimood
CRU, Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Trinity ’19

Prayers of the People
Ms. Janie Booth
Duke Wesley Fellowship, Duke Chapel PathWays Scholar, Trinity ’19

Choir
Duke University Chapel Choir

Director
Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Organists
Dr. Robert Parkins
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Chapel Announcements

Today’s Flowers—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by donors to the Gotham fund, in memory of Mary Duke Biddle.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program.

New Interfaith Program for Students—The Chapel’s new Interreligious Scholars Program (ISP) helps students build relationships with people of other faith traditions and prepares them for working together for the common good. Undergraduate students may apply by November 16 to be part of the first ISP cohort in the spring and join in building the interfaith movement on campus. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/interfaith.

Organ Recital—This evening at 5:00 p.m. Erik Suter will present a recital on the Aeolian organ featuring the complete organ works of Maurice Duruflé. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Victoria Requiem—Duke Vespers Ensemble & UNC Sackbut Ensemble will perform the Victoria Requiem this Friday, November 18, at 8 p.m.

Learning the Liturgy of the Chapel

Prayer is one of the ways we respond to God. Following the example of Christ who prayed frequently, we offer our joys and concerns to God. We pray that God’s Word made known in the scriptures readings and sermon would take root in our lives. We seek divine mercy for our world as a whole as well as for individuals in special need. And if we don’t know what to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. All prayers, regardless of their content or eloquence, may be offered to God. Because the Lord is merciful, we know our prayers are heard.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Christian Education Classes—Classes for all are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and will conclude in time for worship. All classes are held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building with refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
Godly Play: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
Youth Sunday School: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 WB.
Bible Study: A discussion of Esther and Ruth in 0015 WB.

Fellowship After Worship Today—All are welcome to come downstairs to the Chapel lounge to enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

New Members—The Congregation has welcomed twelve individuals into membership. They are: Mary Anderson, Lauren Bell, Gary Bennett, Cat Colvin, Anikke Conway, Nicole Dalzell, Linda Daniel, Forrest and Allison McDougal, Shaun and Allison Pack, and James Spencer. Please welcome these new members.

Back Pew Collection—Reality Ministries creates opportunities for teens and adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship, and the life-changing reality of Christ’s love. Donations of new or gently used kitchen items will assist Reality Ministry in refurbishing their well-used kitchen. Donations may be placed on the back pew today, or next Sunday, November 20.

Saturday Tea—Female volunteers are needed to join women at Reality Ministries for a tea on Saturday, November 19, from 12:00–3:30 p.m. Assistance is needed for setup, the serving and sharing of tea with friends, and with cleanup. Food contributions of tea sandwiches, cookies and baked treats would also be gratefully appreciated. Reality Ministries serves youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 for more information and to volunteer.

Swing a Hammer—Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 19, from 12:30–3:30 p.m. at 2400 Owen Street to help build at Habitat for Humanity house. Please sign up online at http://www.durhamhabitat.org/ using code “DUC”, or contact Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

Angel Tree—Project Share, organized through the Duke Community Service Center, invites individuals to help make the holidays special for economically disadvantaged Durham residents by purchasing Christmas gifts. On Sundays, November 20 and 27, you may pick up names, wish lists, and instructions from the “Angel Tree” in the narthex.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Long, Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching, Candler School of Theology.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to our Mission of the Month: the Community Empowerment Fund.