



Duke
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016
Eleven o'clock in the morning

~ Bridging Faith and Learning ~



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Today we enter the season of Advent and the beginning of the church's liturgical year. Advent is the time we anticipate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, both as the incarnate Christ-child, and his future coming to reign in glory. In this morning's Scripture readings, the prophet Isaiah directs Israel to look for the coming King, and the apostle Paul calls us to lay aside the works of darkness. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus urges us to be watchful and spiritually awake for the second coming of the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

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

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,
BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 (*found in the hymnals located in the pew racks*)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*in unison*)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom; we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Almighty God, as your Kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness by the illumination of your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 2:1–5 (*OT page 594*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RECITATIVE AND ARIA

Streite, siege, starker Held!

Johann Sebastian Bach

(from *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 62)

(1685–1750)

*So geht aus Gottes Herrlichkeit und Thron
Sein eingeborner Sohn.*

*Der Held aus Juda bricht herein,
Den Weg mit Freudigkeit zu laufen*

Und uns Gefallne zu erkaufen.

O heller Glanz, o wunderbarer Segensschein!

Streite, siege, starker Held!

Sei vor uns im Fleische kräftig!

*Sei geschäftig, das Vermögen in uns Schwachen
Stark zu machen!*

Thus from God's glory and throne
goes forth His only-begotten Son.
The hero out of Judah breaks forth
to run His course with joy
and to purchase us fallen ones.
O brilliant radiance, o wonderful light of blessing!

Fight, conquer, strong Hero!
Be mighty for us in the flesh!
Be active and empower us weak ones;
Make us strong!

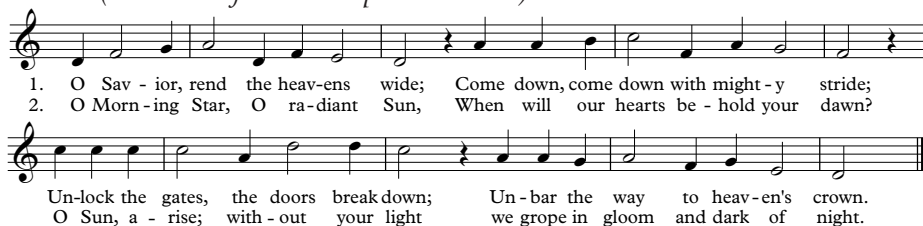
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 13:11–14 (*NT page 152*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (*stanzas 1–2*)

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide O HEILAND REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF
(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)



1. O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come down with might - y stride;
2. O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Sun, When will our hearts be - hold your dawn?
Un - lock the gates, the doors break down; Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
O Sun, a - rise; with - out your light we grope in gloom and dark of night.

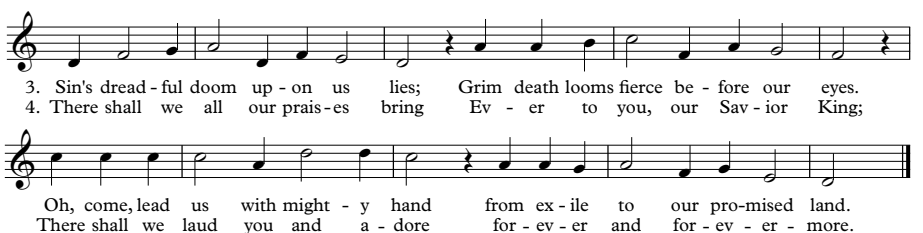
*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 24:36–44 (*NT page 26*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (*stanzas 3–4*)

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide O HEILAND REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF



3. Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies; Grim death looms fierce be - fore our eyes.
4. There shall we all our prais - es bring Ev - er to you, our Sav - ior King;
Oh, come, lead us with might - y hand from ex - ile to our pro - mised land.
There shall we laud you and a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: German spiritual song, Köln, 1623; tr. Martin L. Seltz 1909-1967
Tune: Gesangbuch, Augsburg, 1666

O Heiland Reiss Die Himmel Auf
LM

SERMON—In the Face of the Unknown

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: "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rhosymedre ("Lovely")

Ralph Vaughn Williams
(1872–1958)

*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
O come, thou Wis-dom from___ on high, who or-derest all things might - i - ly;



that mourns in lone ly ex - ile here un- til the Son of God___ ap pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways___ to go.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 718

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

Singing directions: Stanza 1: All, 2: Women, 3: Men, 4: All

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

CARILLON

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Andrew Phillips Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Lectors	The Rev. Dr. Hugh Knapp <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Ms. Leigh Wynkoop <i>Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
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Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

Christmas Eve Services at Duke Chapel

Christmas Eve 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service for Children

This family-friendly worship service includes music and storytellers to announce the birth of Christ. The service lasts approximately 40 minutes.

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.

Service of Carols and Holy Communion

This afternoon service includes Christmas carols and Holy Communion, the Durham Children's Choir, and a sermon from Dean Luke Powery.

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.

Service of Worship

This evening service includes Christmas carols, the Amalgam brass ensemble, and a sermon from Dean Luke Powery.

Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Traditional Lessons and Carols service with a large community choir, Scripture, and choral music.

Prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.

A maximum of 1600 persons will be admitted to each service:
no overflow seating available.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS—Flowers for today's worship service are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Fund.

TODAY'S OFFERING—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to underwrite the costs for undergraduate students going on the Chapel's Spring Break mission trips. Duke Chapel PathWays provides mission trip opportunities for students who are interested in spending their Spring Break in service and reflection. Recently, Chapel staff led student trips to Costa Rica and Kentucky.

YEAR OF CELEBRATION MUSIC—Upcoming events include:

- Tonight, at 5:15 p.m.—*Savior of the Nations, Come: Music for Advent* is the latest in the series of Bach Cantatas.

- December 2–4—*Messiah*: Handel's epic has been a beloved Duke Chapel tradition for 84 years. Tickets are available from the Duke Box Office.

DUKE CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT—The Duke Chorale, directed by Rodney Wynkoop, presents its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m., with seasonal choral music, audience carols, and readings. Children of all ages are welcome. Admission: one non-perishable food item for Durham Urban Ministries. For more information: 919-660-3333 or music.duke.edu.

DOXOLOGY IN ADVENT: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

There are seven great Advent prayers (antiphons) that have been prayed since the seventh century. Each Antiphon begins with "O" and addresses Jesus with a unique name, which comes from the prophecies of Isaiah in the Old Testament.

Each O Antiphon begins with an invocation of the expected Messiah. When read backwards from the bottom up, they form an acrostic for the Latin "Ero Cras" which means, "Tomorrow I shall be with you." Today the O Antiphons are most familiar to us in the hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel" sung to the tune VENI EMMANUEL.

Sapientia—O come, thou Wisdom from on high...

Adonai—O come, O come, thou LORD of might...

Radix Jesse—O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree...

Clavis David—O come, thou Key of David...

Oriens—O come, thou Dayspring from on high...

Rex Gentium—O come, Desire of nations...

Emmanuel—O come, O come, Emmanuel...

As the O Antiphons (and subsequently the stanzas of VENI EMMANUEL) tell the Advent story of Christ's coming, we will sing the story of God's coming to dwell with us not all at once, but progressively and patiently over the course of four Sundays.



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
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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.
Adult Forum: On December 4, The Rev. Dave Allen, United Methodist Campus Minister to the Wesley Fellowship at Duke will present “Puritans, Christmas, and Campus Speech” in 0012 WB.

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. Please pick up names, wish lists, and instructions from the “Angel Tree” after worship today in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—All are invited for an evening of caroling at the Forest at Duke on Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m. All will gather in the auditorium for refreshments, fellowship, and Christmas carols.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH—The Fellowship Committee invites all to lunch in the West Union after worship service on December 11. Attendees will buy their own food from the vendors on the main floor, then head to the second level reserved location so everyone can sit together. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be on hand to help direct people to our seating area.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP—Young Adults will gather for a First Friday Dinner on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Pop’s Backdoor (3710 Shannon Rd., Durham, NC). Spouses, partners, friends, children, and first timers are warmly welcome. Young adults and graduate students are also invited to an Advent Potluck in the Chapel Kitchen on December 11 after worship. The chili will be provided; please bring sides, drinks, and desserts to share. For more information, or if you need help finding a ride, please contact Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu.

ZOE GIFT MARKET—After worship on December 11 and 18 there will be a gift market for ZOE, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to move out of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark. This could be given to someone on your Christmas list who would like to know that a Gift of Help is empowering a child in Africa, India, or Central America.

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

Duke Chapel is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. It is also a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it further acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

PREACHER—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery,
Dean of Duke University Chapel.

OFFERING—Next week's offering will go to the Chapel's PathWays Fund.