Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is Latin for “coming.” It celebrates the most important news about the past and the most important news about the future. Christ has come; and Christ is coming back. Just as the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem took everyone by surprise, although it had long been predicted, so the coming of Christ in glory will no doubt take everyone by surprise, although it too has long been predicted. In Duke Chapel, we place a large wreath in the center aisle to represent the four Sundays of Advent and the central moment of Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent commemorates the longing of Israel for the Kingdom of God.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

HANDBELL PRELUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO (BWV 751) Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Fred Gramann

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
(MIT FREUDEN ZART and quoting OLD HUNDREDTH)

Festival Carillon and Fanfare Hal H. Hopson

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Lee J. Afdahl
(STUTTGART and HYFRYDOL)

Polovetsian Dance No. 1 Alexander Borodin
arr. Arnold Sherman

Antiphon Arnold Sherman

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211 (stanzas 1-4, 7)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. 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, and as we hear your word, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
First Lesson—Romans 13:8-14 (NT page 152 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 196 (stanza 1)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(All turn to face the gospel procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 24:36-44 (NT page 26)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 196 (stanza 2)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sermon—Breaking Dawn

Response

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.”)

Handbell Offertory
Concerto in B-flat, Op. 4, No. 6 George Frideric Handel
I. Andante
1685-1759
arr. William H. Mathis

*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Thanksgiving and Communion

This morning we give thanks for Duke’s Sexual Assault Support services. We are grateful for its support, counseling, and ongoing care for all those who are survivors of sexual assault. The ushers bring a photo of friends embracing to the altar.

On this World AIDS Day, we remember with gratitude all who are creating homes of hospitality for those living with HIV/AIDS. The ushers bring forward a red ribbon.

*The Great Thanksgiving
(The congregation will stand and sing the text in bold type on the next page.)
The Lord our God is with us, lift up your hearts and voices high; Let us unto the Lord give thanks in all the world and at all times: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

All glory be to you, O God, as we await your Advent here. We praise the gift of your own son, foretold by prophets from of old. We thank you that you sent to us your only son, our Savior, our friend, WHO served the world and gave his life that all who love him die to sin. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Our Lord, the night he was betrayed by his disciples, took the bread; He blessed and broke it as he said, “This is my body, broken for you.” He took the cup when all had supped, He gave you thanks, and giving said, “This cup drink in remembrance of me; This is my blood pour’d out for you.” Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

When we partake this holy bread, when we this holy wine do drink, We sense anew his presence here, and we await his victory. The mystery of faith we proclaim: Proclaim that Christ the Lord has died. He rose the third day from the grave, ascended, and will come again. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Accept our sacrifice of praise as we surrender of ourselves. Send down, O God, your Holy Ghost upon us and upon our gifts. Empow’r us through this bread and wine To know the presence of our Lord; To make us one with him today and one with humankind, we pray. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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

**Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.

**Music During Distribution**

**Hymn 626 (sung by all)**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**Picardy**
COMMUNION MUSIC
Advent Voices Kathleen Wissinger
(VENI EMMANUEL and BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSINAL HYMN 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

POSTLUDE
Rigaudon and Trio (from Suite in D Major) Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

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EACH WEEK AT DUCKE CHAPEL
COMMUNION AND PRAYER - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel
MID-WEEK PRAYER - Wednesday at noon in the Memorial Chapel
CHORAL VESPERS - Lessons and Carols service at 5:30 p.m.
**Chapel Announcements**

**Today’s Flowers**—The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel, the Advent Wreath, and the red poinsettias that adorn the balustrade are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**About Today’s Guest Musicians**—Today marks their 40th year that the Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church in Henderson, NC, have played for a worship service in Duke Chapel. An important part of the music ministry of First Baptist Church, they have also given concerts and taken part in major handbell festivals across the US. The seventh- through twelfth-graders who make up the group have many years of experience and training in handbell ringing. Their bell collection is among the largest collections in the country.

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**Choral Vespers Service of Lessons and Carols**

This Thursday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m., the Vespers Ensemble will lead an Advent service of Lessons and Carols in the Chapel nave. This 45-minute candlelight service will feature scripture, hymns, and anthems focusing on the Advent season. Seasonal music will be played by Chapel Organist David Arcus beginning at 5:15 p.m.

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**Messiah**

The Duke Chapel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform Handel’s *Messiah* on December 6 at 7:30 p.m., December 7 at 2:00 p.m., and December 8 at 3:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel. Tickets are $20 for adults, $5 for non-Duke students, and free for the first 300 Duke students. Tickets are available at the Duke Box Office by calling 684-4444 or at [www.tickets.duke.edu](http://www.tickets.duke.edu)
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Christian Education classes for all ages are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the lower level of the Westbrook building of the Divinity School. All are welcome.

ADVENT STUDY—This morning, the Stepping Stones class, which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in Westbrook 0011, began an Advent study, focused on the book Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam by James W. Moore. This study explores how Christ breaks into our confusion thus connecting Bethlehem and bedlam. All are welcome to join this study. The class leader, Whitney Schwab, has books available for sale.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS BRUNCH—The annual Congregation Potluck holiday brunch will be Sunday, December 8, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel kitchen. All are invited to attend. Bring your appetite and a dish-to-share. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Judy Arneson at 919-968-7822.

CAROLING AT THE FOREST—The children and youth are leading caroling at the Forest at Duke on Sunday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join the singing. Please meet in the living room in the main building at The Forest at Duke, 2701 Pickett Rd., for this time of holiday fellowship.

40s AND 50s DINNER—A new group is forming for individuals and couples in their 40s and 50s. The group will get together for food, fellowship, and fun at a different casual restaurant in Durham on the second Friday of each month. The first gathering will be on Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m., at Mad Hatter Bakeshop & Café, 1802 Main Street in Durham. For more information, please e-mail David Eck at david.eck@earthlink.net.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY—Young adults in their 20s and 30s will gather after worship on Sunday, December 15, in the Chapel kitchen for a Christmas party. Ham will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share. Sides and desserts can be dropped off in the Chapel kitchen prior to worship on that morning. If you have any questions, please email Brad at brad.troxell@duke.edu.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET—Starting today, and throughout the Advent season, the Congregation youth will host a ZOE Ministry Alternative Gift Market on the Chapel lawn following worship. Active in Rwanda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, ZOE has developed as a three-year model in which orphans and vulnerable children move from abject poverty to complete self-sufficiency and come to know of God’s great love. Since 2007, over 30,000 orphans and vulnerable children have transformed their lives. Please consider giving your family and friends an “alternative gift” of seeds, tools, or livestock, which will improve the lives of ZOE children.
**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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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 would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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