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.
At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Prelude on st. thomas

Aaron Williams
arr. Tammy Waldrop

I Will Arise

Southern Harmony, 1835
arr. Cathy Moklebust

Ave Maria

Charles Gounod and J. S. Bach
arr. Jane McFadden

People, Look East! (besançon)

Traditional French
arr. Waldrop

Meditation on greensleeves

Traditional English Carol
arr. Hart Morris

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Traditional French Carol
arr. Morris

Joy to the World

G. F. Handel
arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional English Carol
setting by Chip Davis
transcribed for bells by Paul McKlveen

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*ProcesSional hymn 211 (stanzas 1-4, 7)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*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, 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Jeremiah 33:14-16
(OT page 694 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Fantasy on kingsfold
Traditional English
arr. H. Dean Wagner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NT page 192)
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.)

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 196 (stanza 2)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SERMON—Out on a Limb

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; 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.”)

**Mission Announcement**

**Offertory**
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(Picardy) Traditional French Carol
(arr. Karen Thompson)

**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**
This morning we give thanks for the Duke University Management Company (DUMAC). We celebrate its dedication and prudence in carefully managing the endowment and financial resources that preserve the University’s future. The ushers bring an investment portfolio to the altar.

In Durham, we remember all who are creating homes of hospitality for those living with HIV/AIDS. A representative brings forward a red ribbon.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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

**Sending Forth**

*Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn 718*
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Helemsley

*Postlude*
Chaconne in G Minor
Louis Couperin
(1626-1661)

*Carillon*
*All who are able may stand.*
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The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Alison Boden
Dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel, Princeton University

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Mr. Andrew Kragie
Trinity ’15, PathWays Chapel Scholar

Organist
Dr. Robert Parkins

Guest Musicians
The Bell Ringers of The First Baptist Church, Henderson, NC
Mr. Mark Hopper, director
Ms. Rosene Rohrer, flute

Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Jeff Harrison

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER
We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Alison Boden as our guest preacher today. Dr. Boden has served as Dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel at Princeton University since August 2007. Previously, she served for twelve years at the University of Chicago, as Dean of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and Senior Lecturer in the Divinity School, and as co-chair of the board of the University’s Human Rights Program. She also has served as University Chaplain at Bucknell University and as Protestant Chaplain at Union College. Dean Boden is the author of numerous articles and chapters on religion and social justice in addition to a book, *Women’s Rights and Religious Practice* (Palgrave, 2007). At Princeton and Chicago her course offerings have included such topics as religion and human rights, the rights of women, the history and phenomenology of prayer, and religion and violence. She has served in an advisory capacity to a variety of non-governmental organizations and is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

MORNING PRAYER - Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel

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

CHORAL VESPERS - Lessons and Carols service at 5:30 p.m.
The Duke Chapel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform Handel’s *Messiah* today at 3:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel. Tickets are $15 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

**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**—Today’s Mission of the Month is Share the Warmth, which provides financial assistance for heating bills for low-income families within the Duke Energy service area. Funding comes from Duke Energy customers as well as from the Duke Energy Foundation and Duke Energy’s revenue sharing program. The Foundation matches up to $500,000 in annual contributions from individuals. Durham County Social Services is the partner agency distributing funding locally. Since the program was established in 1985, it has provided over $28 million in heating assistance.

About **Today’s Guest Musicians**—The Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church in Henderson, NC, have 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. The bell collection is among the largest collections in the country. The Bell Ringers are a part of the music ministry of First Baptist Church.

**Service of Lessons and Carols Tonight**—Experience the excitement and anticipation of Advent and Christmas with a candlelight service at 7:00 p.m. tonight in Duke Chapel. Several Christian religious life groups will host a student-led Service of Lessons and Carols. In the darkness of the Chapel, hear scripture readings and sing carols by candlelight. The service is followed by seasonal refreshments in the Chapel basement. All are welcome.

**Duke Chorale Christmas Concert**—Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. Carols, choral music, and readings for the whole family. Admission: one non-perishable food item for the needy of Durham. Carillon and organ music at 6:30 p.m.

**Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concerts**—Saturday, December 8, 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m. Honegger’s *Christmas Cantata (Une Cantate de Noël)* with the Durham Children’s Choir, orchestra, and soloist. The concert also includes carols with instrumental accompaniment. Tickets are available at the University Box Office, 919-684-4444 or ticketes.duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—Next Sunday, December 9, there will be no Adult Forum. On December 16, the Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of the Chapel, will give a presentation, “Come Holy Spirit: Reflections on Preaching.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**Christmas Brunch and Caroling**—Join the Congregation and Chapel family for a special event full of food, fellowship, and caroling next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Kitchen. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a breakfast dish to share! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Arneson at 919-599-5510.

**ZOE Ministry Alternative Gift Market**—Starting today the youth will be hosting an alternative gift market after each Sunday service before Christmas. They will be selling “Gifts that Grow” through ZOE Ministry, an organization empowering orphans across Africa with training and resources to break the cycle of poverty. Visit the youth outside of the Chapel doors after the service to learn more about this ministry.

**Young Adult/Professionals Christmas Gathering**—On Friday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m., the 20- and 30-somethings of the Chapel will gather for a potluck meal and fellowship. Everyone is asked to bring a side or a dessert. For location details, please contact Bruce at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**Gift Cards for IHN**—The Local Missions Committee is asking for donations of meals with gift cards for the families supported by the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Consider donations of meals in the form of gift cards from Visa or MasterCard in small amounts, to be used for any of the grocery stores and restaurants in the Durham area. The gift cards will be collected in the narthex through today. Please include the value of the card donation.
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.

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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