This morning we hear words from the prophets Malachi and Isaiah, who prophesied of the coming Messiah centuries before Jesus’ birth. They also tell of the one who was to prepare the way before the coming Lord—John the Baptist. John’s ministry begins in Luke’s Gospel with a proclamation of the baptism of repentance, and the coming Kingdom of God. We are called to await the coming of Jesus, who will purify and save those who put their faith in him. Lastly, an imprisoned Paul encourages the church at Philippi and us to hold fast in times of trouble, and to labor joyfully for a harvest of righteousness for the Kingdom.
At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in Page Auditorium by the seats at the front left of the stage, in front of the organ. Immediately following Communion, a service of prayer for healing will be held in the same location. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

During the prelude the congregation is asked to remain prayerfully or meditatively silent. The Chapel welcomes families with children; if at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please utilize the nursery in the Box Office on the second floor of Page.

GATHERING

HANDBELL PRELUDE
The Ashgrove                    arr. Lloyd Larson
TRADITIONAL WELSH (b. 1954)
Prelude on Thaxted, by Gustav Holst arr. Philip M. Young
THAXTED (b. 1937)
Ave Maria, by J.S. Bach and Charles Gounod arr. Jane McFadden
AVE MARIA (b. 1942)
The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came arr. Fred Gramann
BASQUE CAROL (b. 1950)
Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming      arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
ES IST EIN ROS (b. 1950)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 214 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)
Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*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, purify our hearts and minds through the hearing of your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Malachi 3:1–4
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Philippians 1:3–11
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL ANTHEM
Savior of the Nations, Come, by Martin Luther
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND Joshua Kramer
(arr. b. 1983)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 3:1–6
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—The Scandal of Joy

RESPONSE

*RESPONSE HYMN 23
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

*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.”)

OFFERTRY ANTHEM
Prepare the Royal Highway arr. Cathy Moklebust
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (b. 1958)

A child and youth member of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel bring forward offerings collected in the children and youth Sunday School classes.
PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

This morning we give thanks in the University for the Duke School of Nursing. We celebrate its commitment to excellence in nursing sciences, clinical care and research, and its desire to touch lives and offer transforming care to those suffering from illness and disease.

We remember too those who are suffering from HIV/AIDS, and we lift up any who care for those who are.

In Durham, we remember youth who live in the midst of challenging circumstances and disadvantage, and we pray for those who work with them.
Presiding Ministers  The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg  Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Preacher  The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
Lectors  Ms. Meggie Lund  
*Trinity ’17, PathWays Chapel Scholar*
Mr. Justin Paley  
*Trinity ’17, PathWays Chapel Scholar*
Chapel Organist  Mr. Christopher Jacobson
Guest Musicians  The Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church, Henderson, NC  
Mr. Mark Hopper, director
Guest Soloists  Ms. Rosene Rohrer, Flute  
Ms. Rebecca Hunt, Joyce Short, and Maggie Clark, Percussion
Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion  The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
Head Ushers  Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

**Worship Opportunities Each Week at Duke Chapel**

**Choral Evensong**—Sunday at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

**Online Mid-Week Prayer**—Wednesday at noon via periscope.tv/dukechapel

**Choral Vespers**—Thursday at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

**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 for the Chapel Development Fund. The Chapel’s current focus is to upgrade the Chapel cameras and video capabilities to digital and high definition in order to better serve the thousands of worshipers locally, in Duke Hospital, and around the globe who tune in weekly.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIANS—Today marks the 42nd year that the Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church in Henderson, NC, have played for a Duke Chapel worship service. 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.

COMMUNITY CHOIR AT THE 11:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE—All are invited to come and sing in the community choir for the 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve. There is a rehearsal from 7-9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, and a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, both in Page Auditorium. The choir will sing several anthems, including the “Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah*. 
Messian—A long-standing and beloved Duke University tradition, the Duke Chapel Choir presents Handel’s masterpiece, joined by a professional orchestra and soloists. The final performance is this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. here in Page and tickets may be purchased through the Duke Box Office: tickets.duke.edu or 919-684-4444.

Student-Led Lessons and Carols—Students in Duke’s Religious Life community will offer a service of Lessons & Carols today, Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School.

Christmas Eve—This year we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus at three services, all in Page Auditorium:

• 2:00 p.m. Children’s Service: An interactive service with the singing of Christmas carols suitable for all the family.

• 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship: The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel will be preaching, and there will be an opportunity to receive Holy Communion after the service for all who wish.

• 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols: Our traditional Lessons and Carols, with full musical and choral accompaniment.

Christmas Day—There will be a special playing of Christmas Carillon music from the Chapel belltower from 4–5:00 p.m.

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 following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Sunday Christian Education Classes—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time:

Wee Praise: Ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

Godly Play: Ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.

Youth Sunday School: For 6th-12th graders in 0013 Westbrook.

Adult Forum: Next Sunday, Rick King will lead the Advent Bible Study in 0015 Westbrook.

Advent Study for Women—On Monday, December 7 the Women’s Ministry is hosting a 7:00 p.m. study on the topic of patience and obedience at the Dennehy home. All women are invited. Please contact the Congregation office, 919-684-3917, for more information.

Holiday Service Projects—

1. Volunteers are needed in the afternoons this week to wrap gifts and sign cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. The office is located at 2522 Ross Road, Durham. Please call 919-667-9424 before going.

2. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts on Tuesday, December 22 at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 5400 New Hope Commons Drive, Durham. Donations for the service of gift wrapping will support the Religious Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham. If you are available to take a three-hour shift, please call Judi Vos, 919-403-0584.

3. Drivers with large capacity vehicles are needed on Wednesday, December 9 and Friday, December 11 to transport Angel Tree gifts. If you can assist on either day, please call Judi Vos, 919-403-0584.

Alternative Gift Market—Consider giving carpentry tools, a goat, or banana seed bulbs as a Christmas gift this year. After worship on Sundays, December 13 and 20, you may make a donation to ZOE ministry in honor of your loved ones. ZOE is an empowerment ministry which enables orphans to move from dire poverty to self-sufficiency in three years. ZOE now works in several African countries as well as India and Guatemala. Your gifts to ZOE will help children form family groups and start a business to sustain themselves. Please stop by the table in the lobby of Page Auditorium for more information.

Christmas Caroling—All are invited to join the children and youth of the Congregation for an evening of caroling and visiting with the residents of the Forest at Duke on Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. Music, conversation, and refreshments make this a joyful evening. If you plan to attend, please contact Phyllis Snyder at 919-684-3917.

ENews—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing fellowship events, service opportunities and Christian education classes. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.
Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's
2. Not by human flesh and blood; by the
3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the
4. God the Father is his source, back to
5. Now thy manger's halo bright halowes

Son, here make thy home! Marvel now, O
Spirit of our God was the Word of
Virgin undeviled! Human and di-
God he runs his course; down to death and
night with newborn light; let no night this

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
vine in one, eager now his race to run!
hell descends, God's high throne he recessends.
light subdue, let our faith shine ever new.

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How welcome you a-
right? Your people long to greet you, My hope, my heart’s de-
light! Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my
breast To do in spirit lowly All that may please you best.
new And from your name shall never Withhold the honor or due.
high That will not fail or leave me As earthly riches fly.
brace In love, all love ex- ce-ling, Our lost and fallen race.

2 Your Zion strews before you Green boughs and fairest
And I, too, will adore you With joyous songs and
free. I stood, my shame be-moan-ing; You came to honor or
me. Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liber-

3 I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me
me. A glorious crown you give me, A treasure safe on

4 Love caused your incarnation; Love brought you down to

Prepare the Royal Highway

1. Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
2. God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal king!
3. Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
4. His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.

Let every hill and valley A level road appear!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet every nation Its tribute too may bring.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
All lands will bow before him; Their voices join your singing:
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abound!

Refrain

Ho-san-na to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!
FOR WORSHIPERS AND VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be emailed to chapel-prayers@duke.edu.
† Tours of Duke Chapel are suspended until the nave re-opens.
† Hearing assistance units are available in the lobby of Page Auditorium. See the attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print bulletins for the worship service.

FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
† Children 4 and younger are invited to the nursery located in the Page box office, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Capacity is limited. Parents are welcome to feed or change infants; pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship.
† Children’s Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3-6 and 7-12, and worship bags for ages 5 and under, are available in the upstairs entryway of Page. Please return bags and clipboards at the end of the service.
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NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

ADVENT MUSIC—Next week will be the third Sunday of Advent, and we will be welcoming the Raleigh Girls Choir.

PREACHER—The preacher next Sunday morning will be the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel.

OFFERING—Next week’s offering will go towards our Mission of the Month, Urban Hope.

Cleaning inside Duke University Chapel.

Please continue to pray for the Chapel and all those working on its restoration. Photo Credit: Ray Walker, Duke Facilities architect/project manager.
Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to write a prayer request in the space below and please place it in the offering plate. It will be offered up to God in confidence by the Chapel team this week.