A new world is coming. The scripture lessons for today each carry a theme of promise and hope. In Isaiah a healthy shoot emerges from the people who were seemingly cut dry by political upheaval, and there is hope of a new ruler to come. In his letter to the Romans, Paul gives hope to the Gentiles who will be grafted onto God’s covenant people through Christ. Matthew’s gospel reveals the radical message of John the Baptist, who calls people to repentance and offers baptism as a sign of cleansing and new life.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

CHORAL PRELUDE
Gloria (from Gloria)  Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Shepherd’s Pipe Carol  arr. John Rutter and Desmond Ratcliffe
Dancing Day  arr. John Rutter
Silent Night  arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)
Personent Hodie  arr. John Rutter

ORGAN PRELUDE
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland  Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCessional HYMN 214
Savior of the Nations, Come  NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*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.)

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.
Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)
Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed in our midst, purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT pages 602-3 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Midwinter by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav’n cannot hold him nor earth sustain.
Heav’n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.
But only his mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What shall I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him, Give my heart.

New Testament Lesson—Romans 15:4-13 (NT page 153)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 207 (Led by a soloist, repeat as necessary.)
Prepare the Way of the Lord (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 3:1-12 (NT pages 2-3)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn (Repeat as necessary.)
Prepare the Way of the Lord
SERMON—Stumped

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 ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming                arr. Tobin Stokes
Of the Father’s love begotten, e’re the world began to be
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a flow’ret bright, amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.

Of the things that are that have been,
And that future years shall be
Ever more and ever more.

*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.

VENI EMMANUEL
Thanksgiving

This morning we give thanks for the Center for Instructional Technology (CIT). We value its support of the academic mission of the University by helping instructors find innovative ways to use technology to achieve their teaching goals. Drawing on expertise in both technology and pedagogy, CIT seeks to enliven the learning experience through technology. The ushers bring an iPad to the altar.

In Durham we remember the elderly, those who live with and care for them, and especially those struggling in the face of illness, loneliness, and loss. The ushers bring forward a photo album.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 209
Blessed Be the God of Israel

Postlude
Dialogue (Magnificat in the 2nd Tone) Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

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Organist
Dr. Robert Parkins

Guest Musicians
The Cantabile Singers of Capital City Girls Choir, Raleigh, NC
Dr. Fran Page, Conductor
Ms. Pam Stewart, Accompanist

Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Brad Troxell

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
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 offering will be used to provide prevention education and to alleviate suffering for those living with HIV/AIDS. Gifts will be divided evenly between the Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina (www.aas-c.org), the only local agency that provides a full continuum of care to individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and the Global Fund (www.theglobalfund.org), which works internationally to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. Despite major advances in treatment, the HIV/AIDS population is increasing and treatment costs are very high. These organizations have a strong history of high impact work with this disease.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIANS—Cantabile Singers is the advanced choir of the Capital City Girls Choir, a vocal and music training program for girls from Raleigh and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College. The choir has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and Canada.

INTERIM CHAPEL ORGANIST—The Chapel is very pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Horton has been named the Interim Chapel Organist for the first six months of 2014. Dr. Horton has been the Director of Music at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Evanston, IL, since 2008, and has a doctoral degree in organ performance from the University of Kansas. He will accompany the Chapel Choir and Divinity School Choir. His first Sunday will be on January 5.

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Christmas Eve Services at Duke Chapel

Christmas Eve 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service for Children
Join the children of the Congregation for this participatory worship service including drama and music in which children and storytellers announce the birth of Christ.

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.

A maximum of 1600 persons will be admitted to each service,
**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.

**Adult Forum**—On Sunday, December 15, Sylvia Arnett, a Congregation member, will present “How I Spent My Summer Vacation: My Reading of *A Secular Age* by Charles Taylor.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**Duke Students**—The Congregation offers you a bag of treats and prayers of encouragement to aid you in your upcoming exams. Please stop in the narthex after worship to pick up your gift.

**Caroling at the Forest**—The children and youth are leading caroling at the Forest at Duke tonight 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.

**Back Pew Collection**—Up to 300 guests will be part of Antioch Baptist Church’s 12th annual “Feeding our Friends” Christmas dinner. Guests will enjoy a Christmas dinner, singing, and gifts. You may support this special outreach through the donation of clean, winter coats of all sizes and warm socks for men, women, and children today and next Sunday, December 15 as part of our “back pew” collection. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation in the form of a check written to the Congregation with the notation “Feeding Our Friends” to help offset expenses of food and gifts. If you would like to help serve the meal starting at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day, please contact Marilyn Christian by December 20th at christian2@nc.rr.com or 919-361-1974.

**Dinner for Neighbors**—The Congregation will next provide and serve dinner at Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St., Durham, on Sunday, January 12. Volunteers are needed to donate lasagnas and to serve the meal. Hot lasagnas are to be dropped off at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, January 12. The time commitment for those who serve is approximately 90 minutes. If you wish to bring food or help serve, please call Ned Arnett at 919-489-4133.
All are welcome to participate in the Christian Education opportunities below. All meetings are in Durham unless otherwise specified. Pre-registration, particularly for the adult classes, is requested by December 15.

**Children**

**Wee Praise**—Using “Musikgarten’s All God’s Children Sing” curriculum, infants and children through age 3, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Participants will sing, move, listen, and play simple instruments. Led by Kate DeAlmeida.

Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Location: Room 0016, Westbrook Building, Divinity School

**Godly Play**—A creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture, children ages 4 through 5th graders are invited into stories to learn the Christian language, become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence, and make meaning in their lives. Led by Phyllis Snyder.

Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Location: Room 0050, Langford Building, Divinity School

**Youth**

**Sunday School**—Youth, 6th–12th grade, will meet for fun and interesting Bible lessons throughout the academic year. This spring, the classes will focus on great figures of the Old Testament. Led by the Rev. Brad Troxell.

Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Location: Room 0013, Westbrook Building, Divinity School

**Confirmation Class**—Confirmation class, for youth 8th grade and older, will explore the meaning of Christian faith as well as baptismal and membership vows so that the confirmands may prayerfully commit their lives to Christ and the church. Led by the Rev. Brad Troxell.

Time: Sunday, January 12, after worship for the first meeting
Location: Chapel Kitchen

**Youth Fellowship**—All middle and high school youth are welcome for dinner, discussion, and fellowship. Led by the Rev. Brad Troxell, Deb Hackney, and Walker Robinson.

Time: Sundays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Location: Chapel Kitchen

**Adults**

**Adult Forum**—With a variety of guest speakers, the Adult Forum offers presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics. Coordinated by Nelson Strother.

Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Location: Room 0012, Westbrook Building, Divinity School
Atria Bible Study—Each week, this class will discuss the rich passages from the gospel of Matthew. Led by Nell Noonan.
   Time: Wednesdays 7:00–8:15 p.m.
   Location: Atria Southpoint Walk
   5705 Fayetteville Rd., in the 2nd floor meeting room

Lectionary Bible Study—The lectionary is a three-year cycle of scripture readings that provide the basis of the Chapel’s Sunday worship. This class gathers once a month to discuss the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. Led by the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg and the Rev. Brad Troxell.
   Time: First Friday of the month at 10 a.m. throughout the year
   Location: The library at the Forest at Duke, 2701 Pickett Rd.

Mid-Week Bible Study—For ten weeks, this class will study the biblical books of Esther and Ruth to gain deeper insight and to seek to apply those insights to daily life. Led by the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.
   Time: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
   Location: Home of Walter and Marion Eck

New Members Class—Any who are considering joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to participate in a four-week new member class. The class will discuss tenets of the Christian faith as well as provide orientation to this congregation. Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.
   Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m., January 12, 19, 26 and February 2
   Location: Room 0015, Westbrook Building, Divinity School

Stepping Stones in Faith—Participants in this class will discuss the book *Things I wish Jesus Said* by Barbara Nixon, which encourages reflection on Christians beliefs and the language used to express them. Led by Whitney Schwab.
   Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
   Location: Room 0011, Westbrook Building, Divinity School

Young Adult Study—Participants will reflect on current events through the lens of scripture, with the aid of a curriculum called “Wired Word.” Each discussion is a distinct topic; participants are welcome to attend as their schedule allows. This study is geared for those in their 20s and 30s. Led by the Rev. Brad Troxell.
   Time: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 a.m.
   Location: Elmo’s Diner, 776 Ninth Street

Women’s Study—Adult women will meet twice a month to discuss living faith as grace-full disciples, in an atmosphere of openness and mutual support. Leadership and hosting will be shared. Coordinated by Gretchen Ziegenhals.
   Time: Mondays every other week at 7:00 p.m. starting January 13
   Location: Home of Gretchen Ziegenhals

Lenten Studies—A number of studies will be offered during the season of Lent. Stay tuned to the bulletin and weekly eNews for details.

For detailed updates or changes to the schedules, please read the weekly eNews. You may subscribe to eNews by sending an email to congregation@duke.edu.
**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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