Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. The scripture passages this morning from Malachi and Luke both have an emphasis on repentance. In Malachi, the Lord is likened to a refiner’s fire, purifying and transforming the people of Israel to prepare them for an encounter with God. Luke’s gospel portrays John the Baptist preaching repentance in the wilderness and calling people to “prepare the way of the Lord!” The liturgical color of Advent is purple, which denotes penitence, a suitable mode for preparation to meet God.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

A Soft Wind Blew  
Mary Donnelly  
arr. George Strid

Starry Night of Winter  
Laura Farnell

Personent Hodie  
Piae Cantiones, 1582  
arr. John Rutter

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*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 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—Malachi 3:1-4 (OT page 838 in the pew Bible)

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—Luke 3:1-6 (NT page 56)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Prepare the Way of the Lord

SERMON—The Word of God Came

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.”)

OFFERTORY
Christmas Morn

Christmas Morn
Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

Now ev’ry Child that dwells on earth, stand up, stand up and sing;
The passing night has given birth unto the Children’s King.

Sing sweet as the flute, sing clear as the horn,
Sing joy of the Children, for Christmas morn.

Now ev’ry Star that dwells in sky, look down with shining eyes;
The night has dropped in passing by a Star from Paradise.

Now ev’ry Beast that crops in field, breathe sweetly and adore:
The night has brought the richest yield that e’er the harvest bore

Now all the Angels of the Lord, rise up on Christmas Ev’n.
The passing night will hear the Word that is the voice of Heav’n.

—Eleanor Farjeon

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 the Nasher Museum of Art. We celebrate the ways its exhibitions continue to enlighten and enrich both the University and the community. A representative brings a brochure from the current “Matisse and Modern Masters” exhibit to the altar.

In Durham, we remember those who are wealthy. We pray that they might have generous hearts, and that they may also come to receive the gifts the poor have to give. A representative brings forward a checkbook.
*The Great Thanksgiving*  
(Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal)

*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 206 (sung by all)**  
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  
Houston

**Communion Anthem**  
There Is No Rose  
Malcolm Archer  
(b. 1952)

There is no rose of such vertu  
as is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluya.

For in this rose conteined was  
heav’n and earth in litel space, *Res miranda*.

By that rose we may well see  
there be one God in persons three, *Pares forma*.

Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
and follow we this joyful birth. *Transeamus*.

—*Traditional English c.1420*

*Prayer After Communion*

**Sending Forth**

*Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn 202*  
People, Look East  
Besançon

**Postlude**  
Fugue-Finale on Besançon  
David Aruc's  
(b. 1959)

**Carillon**

*All who are able may stand.*
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The Rev. Bruce Puckett

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The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

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Dr. Fran Page, Conductor
Ms. Brenda Fernandez, Accompanist

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The Rev. Brad Troxell
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

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Mr. J. Samuel Hammond


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, Please note the addition of a new service in the afternoon.
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—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.

Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concert—This afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the Choral Society of Durham will perform 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 tickets.duke.edu.

Duke Chapel Events Listserv—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming Chapel-sponsored events such as concerts, talks, and special worship services, please visit chapel.duke.edu/contact and choose “Receive Event Emails” or send an email to Kelsey Hallatt at kelsey.hallatt@duke.edu.

Parking at Duke Chapel—Do you like to attend Chapel events on evenings and weekends but dislike the difficulty and cost of parking on campus? Duke Parking and Transportation services offers a Night Permit for $20 annually, which allows you to park on campus after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. There is no charge to park on Sunday mornings until 1:00 p.m. The permit is renewed annually in August. Please contact Parking at 919-684-PARK for more information.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—On Sunday, 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.

**Finals Study Bags**—The Congregation’s Student Outreach Ministry will distribute finals study bags on the lawn in front of the Chapel following worship this morning. These bags are for all university students.

**ZOE Ministry Alternative Gift Market**—The youth are 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.

**Gift Cards for IHN**—The Local Missions Committee is asking for donations of meals in the form of 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.

**Feeding Our Friends A Christmas Day Meal**—The Congregation is partnering with Antioch Baptist Church and other community churches in their annual “Feeding our Friends Christmas Dinner,” which provides a Christmas meal to people who are homeless or in transitional housing facilities. The Local Mission Committee invites you to participate in one or more of the following ways: serve on Christmas day, contribute food for the meal, make a monetary donation, donate wrapping paper, or give winter coats of any size. The wrapping paper and coats can be placed on the back pews on Sundays, December 16 and 23. For more information, contact Marilyn Christian at mchristian2@nc.rr.com.

**Children’s Ministry**—Children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to attend Godly Play, an approach to Christian nurture that helps children become more aware of God’s presence in their lives. Godly Play 1 (for ages 3 through 2nd grade) and Godly Play 2 (for 3rd-5th graders) are held in the Chapel Crypt each Sunday morning. Please meet in the pews near the door to the Crypt starting around 9:40 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Phyllis Snyder at phyllis.snyder@duke.edu.
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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