The first and second Advents of Christ fulfill many prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures. In Mark’s Gospel, John the Baptist preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, proclaiming the One who will baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit. John quotes the prophet Isaiah, calling all creation to prepare itself for Jesus’ coming, for “the grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.”
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 659
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CHORAL PRELUDE
Salmo 150
Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

There Is No Rose
Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

Personent Hodie
John Rutter (b. 1945)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Processional Hymn 214 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
Savior of the Nations, Come

*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)
God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: send now your Holy Spirit to prepare the way for your word in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 40:1–11 (OT pages 627–8)
   Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
   People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (see hymn on insert, stanza 1)
   Comfort, Comfort Now My People (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 1:1–8 (NT pages 32–3)
   Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
   People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (see hymn on insert, stanzas 2–3)
   Comfort, Comfort Now My People

SERMON—What Shall I Cry?

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 ANTHEM
   Sir Christemas
   David Brunner (b. 1953)

   Nowell, nowell.
   Who is there that singeth so, I am here, Sir Christemas,
   Welcome, my lord, Sir Christemas!
   Welcome to all, both more and less, come near:

   Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs (God keep you, good sirs)
   Tidings I you bring; a maid hath born a child full young,
   Which causeth you to sing:

   Christ is now born of a pure maid;
   In an ox-stall he is laid, wherefore sing we at a brayde:

   Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute las compagnie
   (Drink well, let the whole company drink well)
   Make good cheer and be right merry, and sing with us now joyfully:
   Nowell, nowell.
*DOXOLOGY

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny

in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory over the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal)

*THE LORD’S PRAYER
(All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE
All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and 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, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 164 (sung by all)
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life  THE CALL

COMMUNION ANTHEM
The Lamb  John Tavener (1944–2013)

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o’er the mead:
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee?
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek and he is mild, He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

—William Blake

**SENDING FORTH**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 184**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

**DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

(Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 661

**CARILLON**

*All who are able may stand.*

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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

| Presiding Ministers       | Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp                      |
|                          | Dr. Adam Hollowell                        |
| Preacher                 | The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery               |
| Lectors                  | Ms. Abby Muehlstein                       |
|                          | CRU, Duke Chapel Scholar, Trinity '18     |
|                          | Mr. Cole Williams                         |
|                          | PCM, Duke Chapel Scholar, Trinity '19     |
| Mission of the Month     | Ms. Susan McSwain                        |
| Guest Musicians          | Cantabile Singers of the Capital City Girls Choir |
|                          | Raleigh, NC                               |
| Guest Music Director     | Dr. Fran Page                             |
| Oboist                   | Ms. Alyssa Montgomery                     |
| Accompanist              | Ms. Brenda Fernandez                      |
| Organist                 | Mr. Christopher Jacobson                  |
| Ministers of Anointing   | The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg                  |
|                          | The Rev. Bruce Puckett                    |
| Head Ushers              | Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong   |
| Carillonneur             | Mr. J. Samuel Hammond                     |
Today’s Flowers—The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on either side of the front entrance of the Chapel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Mission of the Month. Reality Ministries creates opportunities for adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience kinship, and the life-changing reality of Christ’s love. Reality Ministries is a community of people of all abilities sharing life together through daytime and evening activities, both at the Reality Center on Gregson Street and out in the community. Its focus is on mutuality in friendships and the celebration of each person’s unique gifts. Reality Ministries invites people to participate as a volunteer spending an hour or more each week enjoying relationship with new friends.

About Today’s Guest Musicians—Cantabile Singers is the advanced choir of the Capital City Girls Choir, an achievement-based vocal and music training program for girls from Raleigh, North Carolina, and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College and is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year. The three choirs of the organization are open to singers from ages nine through eighteen. Internationally, they have performed at various venues in British Columbia, France, England, Austria and Italy; during the summer of 2017, they performed at the Llangollen International Music Festival in Llangollen, Wales.

Today’s Eucharistic Celebration—Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp has been a presence in Chapel worship since assuming her position as associate dean for Religious Life in 2010. She was the first non-ordained person to serve the Chapel in this capacity. Four years ago she began a process to seek ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and last month she was approved for ordination in the NC Synod of the ELCA. Bishop Tim Smith has granted her sacramental privileges in Duke Chapel until her ordination in 2018.

Advent Audio Devotions—Chapel Dean Luke Powery is sharing a series of weekly Advent audio devotions. The first two are from his new book *Rise Up, Shepherd!* which connects the tradition of the spirituals with themes of Advent. Listen to Dean Powery sing spirituals and reflect on the anticipation of Christmas at soundcloud.com/dukechapel.

Organ Recital Series—As part of the Chapel’s Organ Recital Series, Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson presents a recital on both the Flentrop and Aeolian organs at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. In addition to organ masterpieces, the program will also showcase works based on popular Christmas carols. No tickets required. The concert will follow immediately after the Choral Evensong worship service, which begins at 4:00 p.m. on the 17th.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education Classes**—Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For youth in 6–12th grade in 0013 WB.

**Alternative Gift Market**—The Mission and Outreach Committee will sponsor an Alternative Gift Market today, with proceeds supporting ZOE. Individuals may purchase gifts such as seeds, bananas, and sewing equipment for children in Africa in honor of family and friends. Stop by the table in the narthex to learn more.

**Lunch Today**—Please join a fellowship lunch after worship today in the Brodhead Center. Participants will purchase their meal from one of the many vendors available, and then meet in the Great Hall for conversation and fellowship. All are welcome.

**Second Wednesday Lunch**—Informal fellowship is the goal as diners gather for lunch on the second Wednesday of the month. On December 13 at 1:00 p.m., participants will gather in the Fairview Dining Room at the Washington Duke Inn, 3001 Cameron Blvd., Durham. Please contact the Congregation Office by Monday, December 11, to indicate plans to attend.

**“Snack Luck” Next Week**—Please plan to stay after worship next Sunday, December 17, for a “Snack-Luck”, a simplified version of a potluck meal. All are invited to gather in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level. Beverages will be provided. Please bring finger-foods to share such as nuts, grapes, cheese and crackers, or cookies, and enjoy visiting with other worshipers. Snacks may be dropped off in the Chapel kitchen prior to worship.

**Youth Christmas Party**—The annual Christmas party for youth in the 6th–12th grade will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17, at the Dennehy home. Parents and youth group alumni, as well as new participants, are warmly encouraged to attend. For detailed information, contact Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu.

**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.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Guest Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to nonprofits in the Durham area.