Comfort, Comfort Now My People

1 “Com-fort, com-fort now my peo-ple; Tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her-ald’s voice is cry-ing In the des-ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, And the rough-er pla-ces plain!

Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness Mourn-ing un-der sor-row’s load.
Call-ing us to true re-pen-tance, Since the King-dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-fits his ho-ly reign!

To God’s peo-ple now pro-claim That God’s par-don waits for them!
Oh, that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way!
For the glo-ry of the Lord Now on earth is shed a-broad,

Tell them that their war is o-ver; God will reign in peace for-ev-er!
Let the val-leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him!
And all flesh shall see the to-ken That God’s word is nev-er bro-ken.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Tune: Trente quatrains de David, Geneva, 1551
Advent and Christmas at Duke Chapel

December 10, 4:00 p.m.
From Advent to Christmas: Choral Society of Durham Concert
Christmas Music for Choir and Brass. Chilcott’s Advent Antiphons and Wachner’s The Snow Lay on the Ground plus Advent and Christmas Carols for Choir and Brass. Tickets may be purchased at tickets.duke.edu.

December 15, 8:00 p.m.
O Holy Night: Vocal Arts Ensemble Concert
The first half of the concert presents seasonal music written by a wide variety of composers, while the second half features well-known carols in appealing choral arrangements. The carols this year include several in popular and jazz styles. Copies of VAE’s new CD, entitled “O Holy Night,” will be available.

December 20, 12:00–2:00 p.m.
Duke Chapel by Candlelight Christmas Open House
All are welcome to attend the annual candlelight open house at Duke Chapel, which features Christmas music. There is no cost to attend and no tickets are required.

December 24, 11:00 a.m.
Service of Worship for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Chapel will worship together as usual on Sunday morning, with the Rev. Debra Brazzel as our guest preacher.

Christmas Eve 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service for Children
This family-friendly worship service includes music and storytellers to announce the birth of Christ. The service lasts approximately 40 minutes.

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.
Service of Worship
This afternoon service includes Christmas carols, the Durham Children’s Choir, and a sermon from Dean Luke Powery.

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.
Service of Worship with Holy Communion
This evening service includes Christmas carols, Holy Communion, the Amalgam brass ensemble, and a sermon from Dean Luke Powery.

Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols
This traditional Lessons and Carols service features a large community choir, Scripture, and choral music.
Open community choir rehearsal at 9 p.m. Prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.

A maximum of 1300 persons will be admitted to each service: no overflow seating available.