On this third Sunday of Advent we focus on the peace of the coming Kingdom of God. Isaiah prophesies the Lord’s coming salvation, and how God’s people can trust in God’s good plans, with shouts of expectant praise. Paul urges the church at Philippi to rejoice, reminding us that the Lord is near and that prayer, rather than anxiety, must be the language of God’s children. This prayer leads to the true peace in Christ Jesus that surpasses all understanding. In Luke’s Gospel, John the Baptist continues to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. He warns those listening that their faith must be active and bear fruit worthy of repentance. John points to Jesus as the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, enabling us to endure the trials of this life with the fruit of Kingdom peace.
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**

**Prelude**

Sound the Trumpet  
Henry Purcell  
(1659–1695)

Angel Song  
Mary Goetze  
(b. 1943)

This Little Babe  
Benjamin Britten  
(from *A Ceremony of Carols*)  
(1913–1976)

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arr. John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Processional Hymn 203 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed  
Ellacombe

*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, prepare ours hearts through the hearing of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**—Isaiah 12:2–6

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
**Anthem**

_I Wonder as I Wander_  
arr. John Jacob Niles  
(1892–1980)

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on’ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high on God’s heaven a star’s light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.

**New Testament Lesson**—Philippians 4:4–7  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson*—Luke 3:7–18  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**—Peace in the Age of Terror

**Response**

*Response Hymn 25*  
_Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers_  
_Haf trones lampa färdig_

**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 Moment**

**Offertory Anthem**

_Still, Still, Still_  
arr. Ken Berg  
(b. 1955)

Still, still, still,  
One can hear the falling snow,  
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,  
Holy star its vigil keeping.  
Still, still, still,  
One can hear the falling snow.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
Tis the eve of our Saviour’s birth.
The night is peaceful all around you,
Close your eyes, let sleep surround you!
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
Tis the eve of our Saviour’s birth.

Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels without number
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* Sending Forth *

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 36

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry

PuER NOBIS

Postlude

Fugue in C major, BWV 564/iii

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

*All who are able may stand.*
**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

*This morning we give thanks for Duke Divinity School and its work in forming students in Christian discipleship and nurturing them in love and service to Christ and the Church.*

*In Durham, we give thanks for those who seek to be positive role models for youth and children through mentoring, coaching, or being a community leader.*

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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Presiding Ministers  
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg  
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Preacher  
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Lectors  
Ms. Katie Benjamin  
*Divinity ThD Candidate*  
Mr. D.J. Chatelaine  
*Trinity ‘18, PathWays Chapel Scholar*

Chapel Organist  
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Guest Musicians  
Cantabile Singers, Capital City Girls Choir, Raleigh, NC

Guest Accompanist  
Ms. Pamela Stewart

Guest Conductor  
Dr. Fran Page

Mission Moment  
Mr. Brandon Hudson

Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion  
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Head Ushers  
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

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**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS AT DUKE CHAPEL**

**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.
Today’s Flowers—The red poinsettias that adorn the stage are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The wreaths on both sides 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 undesignated checks will go towards our Mission of the Month, Urban Hope. Founded in 2003, Urban Hope is a community-based youth ministry focused on bridging spiritual, economic, and educational resources to young people living in the Walltown neighborhood of Durham. Each year, they engage 50-60 youth through a combination of summer and academic-year activities, including the Walltown Aspiring Youth afterschool program, neighborhood sports teams, and one-on-one mentoring).

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 aged nine through eighteen from Raleigh, North Carolina and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College. Cantabile Singers performs with the North Carolina Symphony and has appeared at the North Carolina Governor’s Mansion, the NC Museum of Art, the White House, Washington National Cathedral, Carnegie Hall and at various venues internationally. In 2002, CCGC was featured as the Honor Choir in the Children in Harmony Festival at Walt Disney World. Next year, the choir will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary.

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.

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—Resumes Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in Goodson Chapel
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, Christopher Ross will lead the Advent Bible Study in 0015 Westbrook.

Alternative Gift Market—Consider giving carpentry tools, a goat, or banana seed bulbs as a Christmas gift this year. After worship today and Sunday, December 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 tonight 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.

Youth Christmas Party—Middle and high school students are invited to the annual Youth Christmas party at the Denneheys’ home. Students may wear a tacky Christmas sweater, and bring a $5-10 gift if they would like to participate in the Secret Santa gift exchange. The Christmas party will be Sunday, December 20. Please contact Adam Benson, adambenson87@gmail.com, for additional information.

Service Project for College Students—College students on break are needed for an afternoon of service at Genesis Home, a residence for homeless families. On Tuesday, December 22, from 1:30– 4:30 p.m., volunteers are needed help empty an office and storage area by moving contents to a storage unit. Please bring work gloves and wear closed-toe shoes. Genesis Home is located at 300 North Queen Street, Durham. To prepare for the work, students will meet at the Old Havana Sandwich Shop, 310 E. Main St., Durham, at noon for lunch. Please contact Carol Gregg (carol.gregg@duke.edu), or the Congregation office (congregation@duke.edu) if you plan to attend.

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.
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

To take away transgression, and rule in equity.
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
And righteous-ness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1821 (Ps. 72)
MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784, alt;
adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868
1 Re-joice, re-joice, be-liev-ers, And let your lights ap-pear;
2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain Pro-claim the bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa-tience Their cross and suf-fer-ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex-pet-ta-tion, O Je-sus, now ap-pear;

The eve-ning is ad-vanc-ing, And dark-er night is near.
Go forth as he ap-proach-es With al-le-lu-ias clear.
Shall live and reign for-ev-er When sor-row is no more.
A-rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be-night-ed sphere.

The bride-groom is a-ris-ing And soon is draw-ing nigh.
The mar-riage feast is wait-ing; The gates wide o-pen stand.
A-round the throne of glo-ry The Lamb they shall be-hold;
With hearts and hands up-lift-ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres-tle; At mid-night comes the cry.
A-rise, O heirs of glo-ry; The bride-groom is at hand.
In tri-umph cast be-fore him Their di-a-dem of gold.
The day of earth’s re-demp-tion That sets your peo-ple free!
On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces
   that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken,
   for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2. Then cleansed be every life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
   and our great reward; Without your grace we rise to fall no more; Oh, let your face
   up for Christ to come and enter there.

3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge
   and prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
   waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, And make us
   on us shine And fill the world with love divine.

5. All praise to you, eternal Son,
   Whose advent has our freedom won,
   Whom with the Father we adore,
   And Holy Spirit, evermore.
**Doxology in Advent: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

There are seven great Advent prayers (Antiphons) that have been prayed since the 7th 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.

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**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.

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. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.

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**Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel**

**Advent Music**—Next week will be the fourth Sunday of Advent, and we will be welcoming Amalgam Brass.

**Preacher**—The preacher next Sunday morning will be Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, Associate Dean for Religious Life at Duke University Chapel.

**Offering**—Next week’s offering will go towards the Chapel’s PathWays Student Ministry.
Prayer Card

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.