In the third week of Advent, God’s promises of new life and healing echo through the scriptures. The prophet Zephaniah speaks words of joy, reminding the people of Israel that God is in their midst, promising them salvation and flourishing. The gospel lesson in Luke describes John the Baptist exhorting people to “bear fruits worthy of repentance,” while also promising that someone more powerful than he is coming to bring about the kingdom of God. A new day is dawning, and there is cause for rejoicing.
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.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
Alleluia, O Come and Praise the Lord J. S. Bach
arr. Janet Hill
Mid-winter Bob Chilcott
Oh Come Little Children German Carol
arr. Charles McCartha
Glory to God Giovanni Pergolesi
arr. Michael Burkhardt

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 203
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed ELLACOMBE

*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.)
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; prepare us now as we hear your word; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Zephaniah 3:14-20

(OT pages 826-27 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Cantate Domino canticum novum, quia mirabilia fecit.
Salvavit dextera sua et brachio sancto suo.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm hath gotten Him the victory.

—Psalm 98:1

New Testament Lesson—Philippians 4:4-7 (NT page 187)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 216 (stanza 1)

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 216 (stanzas 2-3)

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Sermon—What Should We Do?

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.”)

OFFERTORY
Christmas Lullaby

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem:
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah,
But only a mother and baby lie there.

_Ave Maria, hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing._
_Ave Maria, maiden and mother of Jesus our King._

Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither scepter nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his scepter and love for his crown.

What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

*DOXOLOGY*  
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_VENI EMMANUEL_

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

_This morning we give thanks for Duke Human Resources and its management of employee recruitment, benefits, policies, and training for both the University and Health System. The ushers bring a Duke employee benefits manual to the altar._

_In Durham, we remember those who are developing innovative practices for environmentally friendly building and energy sustainability. The ushers bring forward a compact fluorescent lightbulb._
**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

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

**Sending Forth**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 209**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

**Sending Forth**

*All who are able may stand.*
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 the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIANS—The Greensboro Youth Chorus is a community-based, multi-level choral program that includes young people in third through twelfth grades. GYC has had many prestigious experiences including state, national, and international competitions and festivals as well as collaborations with outstanding conductors, composers, and instrumentalists. For 25 years, the Greensboro Youth Chorus has offered young singers world-class performance opportunities, a choral music experience that emphasizes musical excellence and character education. Cantabile is a smaller group of singers composed of high school students.

NC BOYS CHOIR CONCERT—The North Carolina Boys Choir and Chamber Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert in the Chapel tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. The Choir is under the direction of Bill Graham and Scott Mann. For ticket information call 919-489-0291 or visit www.ncboyschoir.org.

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 p.m.
The community choir for this service is open to all; rehearsal is at 9:00 p.m.

A maximum of 1600 persons will be admitted to each service,
Please note the addition of a new service in the afternoon.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—Adult Forum has concluded for the fall semester and will resume meeting in January. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

**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 today or next Sunday. 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.

**Youth Ministry and Invitation to Serve with Youth**—Sunday School classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. If you are a university student who would like to work with middle school and senior high youth, please contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu or by calling 919-684-3917.
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS
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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 (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.
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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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