This morning’s Old Testament reading from the prophet Isaiah proclaims the mission of the coming Lord Jesus. The justice and mercy of the Lord are declared, as the ministry of the Holy Spirit to “to bind up the broken-hearted” and “proclaim liberty to the captives” is unleashed through the coming of the incarnate Christ-child who is Emmanuel, God with us.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
Canonic Sonata No. 5 in A Major Georg Philipp Telemann
TWV 40:105 (1681–1767)

Siciliano—Vivace—Andante—Allegro

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESIONAL HYMN 200 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
Tell Out, My Soul WOODLANDS

*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)
Holy God, raise up your power and come among us, and send the Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 61: 1–4, 8–11 (OT pages 650–1)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
O Thou, the Central Orb Charles Wood
(1866–1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

—Henry Ramsden Bramley

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 (NT page 193)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (stanza 1)
Prepare the Way, O Zion
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

1. Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
   Let every hill and valley a lev el way appear.
   Greet One who comes in glory, fore-told in sacred story.
   Proclaim in every place, All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
   His rule is peace and freedom, justice, truth and love.
   Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy a binding.
   Refrain

   Oh, blest is Christ, that came in God's most holy name.

3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
   His tidings of salvation and grace, in every land they come.
   Lift up your song of thanksgiving, for love and peace they bring.
   Refrain

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 1:26–38 (NT page 53)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (stanzas 2–3)
Prepare the Way, O Zion
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

SERMON—The Ministry of the Spirit

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
The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me
Edward Elgar
(1857–1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for
mourn ing, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring
forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring
forth before all nations.

—Isaiah 61:1–3, 11

*Doxology

Veni Emmanuel

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.)

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 203
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed
Ellacombe

Closing Voluntary
Toccata on Veni Emmanuel
Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.
**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

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For Worshipers and Visitors

- † Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk.
- † Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
- † For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
- † Hearing assistance units are available at the sound desk at the back left of the Chapel. For optimal hearing assistance, please sit in the pews near the third columns of the Chapel nave, where the speakers are located.

For Families and 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.
- † Worship Bags for ages 0–5, and Children’s Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3–6 and 7–12, are available at the rear of the Chapel. 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.
**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 human service organizations in the greater Durham area.

**Today’s Artist**—Today we welcome LA Chesson, a local artist in the Triangle area. As part of the Chapel’s ongoing initiatives in exploring faith and the arts, LA will capture today’s sermon visually through painting as Dean Powery preaches.

**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 7:00–9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, and a required rehearsal at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The choir will sing several anthems, including the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.

**A New Look for the Bulletin**—Beginning January 7, the Chapel’s bulletin will have a new look. In an effort to enhance the bulletin as a tool for worship and to make its design consistent with the Chapel’s other published materials, we are making some changes to the to the style and layout of the bulletin.

**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.

**Art Exhibit**—Now on display in the narthex is the exhibit *Mary: The Paper Doll Project* by artist Carole Baker, who received her master of theological studies from Duke Divinity School and is currently pursuing her doctorate in theology at Duke. The interactive exhibit comprises four life-sized “paper dolls” representing different cultural depictions of the Virgin Mary. Viewers of the dolls are invited to interchange the outer layers of the dolls to combine them with the various cultural representations. The exhibit aims to explore the universality and particularity of Marian manifestations. Carole Baker will give a talk in Memorial Chapel about the exhibit at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, immediately following the Christmas Open House.

**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. today. 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. today.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Christian Education Classes—Sunday morning classes for all ages will resume on January 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. Classes will not be held on December 24 or 31.

“Snack Luck” Today—Please stay after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel Lounge, located in the lower level, to enjoy assortment of snacks and to visit with other worshipers.

Youth Christmas Party—The annual Christmas party for youth in the 6th–12th grade will be held at 5:00 p.m. this evening, 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.

If The Holidays Are Sad—All those who are grieving are invited to attend a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area organizations and churches. Growing Thru Grief meets on Tuesdays at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Rd., Durham. Refreshments and registration begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by presentations and discussion from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information, email growingthrugrief@gmail.com.

January Volunteers Needed—Volunteers are needed on Monday, January 22, and Tuesday, January 24, to serve dinner from 5:15–6:30 p.m. and to provide childcare from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Families Moving Forward, Durham’s shelter for homeless families. For detailed information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Fellows at janeafellows@msn.com or Elaine DeAlmeida at elainedealmeida8@gmail.com.

Spiritual Gifts—The Congregation is offering two opportunities to explore spiritual gifts. Beginning Wednesday, January 10, two book groups will meet for five weeks to discuss Rediscovering our Spiritual Gifts by Charles Bryant. A morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the evening group at 7:30 p.m. Both groups will meet at Carol Gregg’s home. On Saturday, February 10, the Congregation will offer a half-day retreat on spiritual gifts. For detailed information, please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu.

Open Invitation—The Congregation at Duke Chapel welcomes the participation of students, families, singles, and couples in its ministry. Please sign up for the weekly eNews by emailing congregation@duke.edu to receive more information.
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NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP AT DUKE CHAPEL

GUEST PREEACHER—Our preacher will be the Rev. Debra Brazzel, former Associate Dean of Duke Chapel.

OFFERING—Next week’s offering will go to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.