Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is Latin for “coming.” It celebrates the most important news about the past and the most important news about the future. Christ has come; and Christ is coming back. Just as the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem took everyone by surprise, although it had long been predicted, so the coming of Christ in glory will no doubt take everyone by surprise, although it too has long been predicted. In Duke Chapel, we place a large wreath in the center aisle to represent the four Sundays of Advent and the central moment of Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent commemorates the longing of Israel for the Kingdom of God.
Gathering
Instrumental Prelude

Canzona XV a4 Giovanni Grillo
(d. 1622)

Opening Voluntary

Le monde dans l’attente du Sauveur, Op. 23 Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Choral Introit

Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Nancy M. Raabe

Savior of the nations, come; virgin’s son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth: God has chosen such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, but the mystic breath of God,
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of woman, blossom fresh.

*Text: Ambrose of Milan (340-397); Martin Luther (1483-1546)

*Opening Hymn

The Advent of Our God

**DUXX DELUBRUM**

1. The advent of our God we greet with song and prayer.
2. The ever-lasting Son incarnate stoops to be
3. O Zion’s daughter, rise to meet your lowly king,
4. As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again
5. Then evil flees away, before the rising dawn.
6. All glory to the Son, who comes to make us free,

We wait the coming reign of Christ, and eagerly prepare.
our servant, in a servant’s form to set all people free.
nor let your faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.
and all his scattered saints unite with him on high to reign.
The sinful self is cast aside, the new self is put on.
with Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.

*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

* All rise as able
The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

**Proclamation**

**Prayer for Illumination** | In unison:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Psalm 122 | Chanted in alternation between the cantor and the congregation.**

I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.’

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**New Testament Lesson | NT page 152 in the pew Bibles.**

Romans 13:11-14

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
*Gospel Lesson | NT page 26 in the pew Bibles

Matthew 24:36-44

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Processional

Sonata für einen Zink und drei Posaunen Johann Georg Christian Störl (1675-1719)

Sermon

Hoping Without Fear

Response

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Anthem

The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow Zebulon M. Highben

The Lord shall come and not be slow; his light is soon appearing. Prepare, you children here below who are these tidings hearing:

Arise, O sleepers, trim your lamps! Their flames, so swiftly burning, reveal the path to hope and peace, the dawn for which you’re yearning.

Come forth, you weary, meek, and poor! Forget your strife and labor. Messiah comes to those who toil, bestowing God’s own favor.

Your King eternal, Lord on high, in humble form and lowly, transforms a simple oxen stall into a throne most holy.

For Christ shall come and not be slow; his light is now appearing. Rejoice, you saints on earth below! His reign of love is nearing.

Text: Zebulon M. Highben

*Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or-derest all things might - i - ly;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un- til the Son of God ap pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
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 a Communion station 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 Communion

Domine vivifica me a4
Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

Communion Hymn | See insert.
All Earth Is Hopeful
TODA LA TIERRA

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
TRURO

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on “Veni Emanuel”
Andrew Carter (b. 1939)
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ........................................... Assistant Dean of the Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg....................................... Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Millan ........... Director, Hispanic House of Studies, Duke Divinity

LECTORS
Mr. Ken Davenport ...................... Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Rachel Williamson ........................................ Fuqua ’20

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Choir .................................................. Choir
Dr. Zebulon Highben ........................................... Director of Chapel Music
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ........................................ Chapel Organist
Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble ................. Brass Ensemble

MINISTER OF ANOINTING
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ................... Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson .................. Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Acelynn Barefoot ........ Chapell Scholar, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Today’s flowers are provided by the generosity of the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Fund.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.


ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the rear sound desk.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

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**ENGAGE**

**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL |** Students, staff, visitors, and community members are always welcome at Duke Chapel. For more information, please see the websites listed on the back page and sign-up for weekly e-newsletters.

**CHAPEL TOUR |** For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT DUKE CHAPEL |** The seasons of Advent and Christmas at Duke Chapel are full of music and worship for you and your family. Events at the Chapel during Advent and Christmas include: Advent Lessons and Carols on December 12 at 7:00 p.m.; a Christmas Open House on December 18 at 12 noon; and Christmas Eve Services at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 11:00 p.m. Find a full list of events at chapel.duke.edu/events.

**BACH CANTATA THIS AFTERNOON |** The Advent theme runs through today’s Bach Cantata concert. The program includes *Lieber Herr Gott, wekke uns auf* by J. C. Bach, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* by M. Praetorius, and *Magnificat* by M. Zielenski. The concert is at 5:15 p.m. this afternoon, and admission is free and open to the public.

**HANDEL’S MESSIAH |** Since 1933, Duke Chapel has welcomed the Advent season with the sublime music of *Messiah*. Handel’s masterwork weaves a musical and scriptural tapestry that tells the story of Christ's life, leading us from darkness to light through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Performances are December 6–8; a special luncheon is being held before the concert on Saturday, December 7. Learn more and purchase tickets at tickets.duke.edu or by calling 919-684-4444.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET FOR ZOE |** Your Christmas gifts can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. Sunday, December 8 and 15 following worship, there will be an alternative gift market for Zoe Empowers, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to move out of poverty and become independent in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark telling the recipient that their Gift of Help is empowering a child in Africa or India. The Congregation is currently sponsoring two groups of children in Zimbabwe. Please stop by the table in the narthex following worship on December 8 or 15.

**DINNER FOR GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS |** University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the book of Isaiah. All questions and perspectives are welcome. For more information contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.
SECOND WEDNESDAY LUNCH | Informal conversation and fellowship in a local restaurant is the only agenda for the Second Wednesday Lunch. On December 11 at 12-noon, participants will gather at Fairview Dining Room at the Washington Duke Inn, 3001 Cameron Blvd., Durham. Each person will purchase their own meal. If you plan to attend please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

DUKE CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT | The Duke Chorale, directed by Rodney Wynkoop, presents its annual Christmas Concert featuring seasonal selections by the Duke Chorale as well as traditional carols for the entire audience to sing and stories and special treats for the children. This family holiday event, presented by the Duke Music Department, is a long-standing tradition for many area residents. The concert is on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Those attending this free concert are encouraged to bring one canned item to donate to families in need.

BEACH WEEKEND | Save the weekend of May 15-17 for a weekend retreat at Ft. Caswell, Oak Island, North Carolina, to be led by Dr. Zebulon Highben and the Rev. Amanda Highben. This annual overnight retreat is sponsored by the Congregation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Classes for all ages will meet throughout the summer at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- **Godly Play**: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford
- **Godly Play Advanced**: For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: Michael Larbi, the Congregation’s Pastoral Assistant for Discipleship, will discuss “Thoughts on Discipleship and Discipleship Ministry” in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email.
*Communion Hymn | Introduced by the choir in Spanish. Stanzas 1-4 sung by all in English.

All Earth Is Hopeful

To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!

1 People of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
2 Fur - rows lie o - pen, for God’s cre - a - tive task: this, the
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib;

Sur - co, a-bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
“A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our

mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
labor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
received him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our

cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God’s truth and jus - tice set ev - ’ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - ’ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel: 3 Montes y valles habrá que preparar;
“De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,” nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
será “Dios con nosotros,” hermano será, Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 En una cueva Jesús apareció,
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.