Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. The scripture lesson from Philippians begins in thanksgiving. The Apostle Paul gives thanks in remembering, even as he looks toward the future that God is creating in God's people: "The one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Luke's gospel portrays John the Baptist preaching repentance in the wilderness and calling people to "prepare the way of the Lord!" Throughout the season of Advent, we look to the future God is preparing for us in thanksgiving and repentance, even as we prepare to meet Jesus. The liturgical color of Advent is purple, which denotes penitence, a suitable mode for preparation to meet God.
**Gathering**

**Carillon**

**Prelude**

- Fanfare and Exaltation

- Fantasy on BEACH SPRING

- O God, Beyond All Praising

- Song of Assurance

- Anthem of Hope

- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Fantasy on BEACH SPRING**
arr. Michael Mazzatenta

**O God, Beyond All Praising**
arr. Philip M Young

**Song of Assurance**
arr. Arnold Sherman

**Anthem of Hope**

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**
arr. Cathy Moklebust

**Greeting and Call to Worship**

*Processional Hymn 214*

**Savior of the Nations, Come**  
*NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND*

*Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance* | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

- **Minister:** Come thou long expected Jesus
- **People:** Set thy people free.
- **Minister:** We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy;
- **People:** We renounce our evil; We claim your love;
  Make us whole.
- **Minister:** Come thou long expected Jesus
- **People:** Set thy people free.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

**Proclamation**

**Prayer for Illumination** | In unison:

Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed in our midst, purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

* All who are able may stand
New Testament Lesson | NT page 185 in the pew Bibles

Philippians 1:3-11

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

Anthem

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

*Gradual Hymn | Face the Gospel Procession

Veni Emmanuel

Gospel Lesson | NT pages 56 in the pew Bibles

Luke 3:1-6

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

Organ Improvisation | Face the Gospel Procession

Sermon

Letters of Liberation

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:

People: Hear our prayer.
Offertory Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander

Traditional Appalachian Carol

arr. Philip M. Young

*Doxology

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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 the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, 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 Distribution

Hymn 164 | Sung by all:

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplication let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

—*Philippians 4:4-7*

**Sending Forth**

*Post-Communion Prayer
*Benediction
*Closing Processional Hymn 184

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
**DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**

**Choral Benediction**

**Blessed Are the Pure in Heart**  
**H. Walford Davies**  
(1864–1941)

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;  
And for His cradle and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

*Words: John Keble (1792–1866)*

**Closing Voluntary**

*Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*  
**Andrew Carter**  
(b. 1939)

Carillon
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.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support humanitarian non-profit organizations in the Durham area.

TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIANS | Today marks the 45th year that the Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina, have played for a Duke Chapel worship service. An important part of the music ministry of First Baptist Church, they have also given concerts and taken part in major handbell festivals across the United States. The seventh- through twelfth-graders who make up the group have many years of experience and training in handbell ringing. Their bell collection is among the largest collections in the country.

INVOKING THE NAME OF JESUS: ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT | There are seven great Advent prayers (antiphons) that have historically been prayed during the last week before Christmas Eve since the seventh 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

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. Dr. Luke A. Powery ............................................Dean of the Chapel

LECTORS
Ms. Lizzy Kramer .................................................Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’22
Ms. Tatayana Richardson ..........Duke Wesley Fellowship, Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’21

MUSICIANS
The Bell Ringers and Chamber Ringers of The First Baptist Church, Henderson, NC ..........................................................Handbells
Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum ..........................................Choir
Dr. Philip Cave...........................................Associate Conductor of Chapel Music
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ........................................Chapel Organist
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond ..........................................University Carillonneur

MINISTER OF ANOINTING
The Rev. Joshua Stanley.........................Pastor for Education and Discipleship for the Congregation at Duke Chapel

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong .......................Members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
begins with an invocation of the expected Messiah, followed by praise of him under one of his historic Latin names. Today the O Antiphons are most familiar to us in the hymn “O come, O come Emmanuel” sung to the tune Veni Emmanuel. Each stanza of the hymn embodies an Old Testament reference as it tells the story of Christ’s coming. As the O Antiphons and the stanzas of Veni Emmanuel tell the Advent story of Christ’s coming, we will sing this great hymn throughout the season of Advent as the Gospel Procession, two stanzas per week. Using this pattern, we will sing of God’s coming to dwell with us. Following the reading of the Gospel, the organist will improvise a short piece of music while the procession returns to the Chancel. This improvisation takes its inspiration from the Gospel reflecting on what has just been read while simultaneously preparing for the sermon that follows.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left 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.

ENGAGE

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

LUNCH TODAY | All are invited to enjoy lunch with other worshipers in the Brodhead Center immediately after worship. The Brodhead Center, which is a short walk from the Chapel, provides a wide array of dining options. Participants will purchase their own lunch then gather in the Great Hall dining area on the main floor to share a time of fellowship and food. Volunteers will provide directions.

ZOE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET TODAY | Please stop in the narthex after worship today or next Sunday to visit the alternative gift market for ZOE, a global mission partner which empowers vulnerable children to become economically self-sufficient in three years. When a gift is purchased, the giver will receive an attractive card or bookmark. This could be given to someone on your Christmas list who would like to know that a “Gift of Help” is empowering a child in need.

THE MUSIC, MESSAGE, AND MEANING OF HANDEL’S MESSIAH | Dr. Richard Heitzenrater, William Kellon Quick Professor Emeritus of Church History and Wesley Studies, Duke Divinity School, is leading an Advent study on the Messiah. The class will meet December 16 and 23 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in Westbrook 0012, which is in the lowest level of the Divinity school. All are welcome to attend.
TRIPLE T | The young adults and university students will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel, for snacks and discussion. All are invited to come with a hungry spirit and a hungry stomach. For more information, contact Josh Stanley at josh.c.stanley@duke.edu.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE | The Duke Chapel Christmas Open House is on Wednesday, December 19, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Free and open to the public, this event is an opportunity to see the Chapel lit by candlelight, experience the Chapel’s organs, and hear seasonal choral music.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | On Christmas Eve, the Chapel will hold four worship services: 2:00 p.m. Children's Service, 4:00 p.m. service with the Durham Children's Choir singing, 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion, and 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Sunday morning Christian Education classes for all ages are offered year-round. All classes held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building from 9:45–10:45 a.m. with refreshments beginning at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. The classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: Richard Heitzenrater, emeritus professor from Duke Divinity School, will lead an Advent Study on Handel’s *Messiah* 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