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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m.



Isaiah Prophecy the Adoration of Christ, relief sculpture at Cathédrale d'Amiens
Amiens, France, 1220–1240

The season of Advent is a time of waiting for the promises of God. The God who has drawn near to Israel will soon draw nearer still in the form of a baby. The scripture lessons emphasize the promises that are to be fulfilled. Isaiah foretells the birth of a child to be called Emmanuel, meaning “God with us.” The introduction to Paul’s Letter to the Romans reveals how Jesus was the fulfillment of God’s promise and opened the door of salvation to Gentiles as well as Jews. In Matthew’s Gospel, Joseph is visited in the night with the strange message of Jesus’s coming birth.

Gathering

Carillon

Choral Prelude

On a Starlit Night

Jill Gallina

Al Shlosha D'varim

Allan E. Naplan

*The world is sustained by three things,
by truth, by justice, and by peace.*

—from Pirkei Avot (*Mishnah*)

Greeting and Call to Worship

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 598 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 7:10–16

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Processional Hymn | UMH 211. Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*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.

*All rise as able

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

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

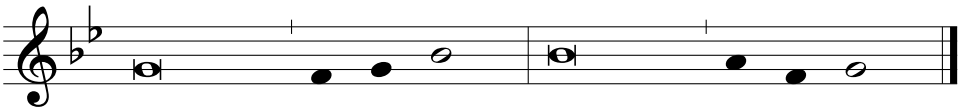
Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by your grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalmody | Sung in alternation between cantor and assembly; the assembly chants the bold verses.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



O Shepherd of Israel, give ear; You who tend Joseph | like the sheep.
You who sit enthroned upon the cherubim, appear | in Your radiance
Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir | up Your might
and come | to our rescue!

**O | God, restore us
and let Your face shine, that we | may be saved.**

ADONAI, | God of Hosts,
how long will You smolder at the prayer | of Your people?
You fed them the | bread of tears
and had them drink a full mea- | sure of tears.
You set us at strife | with our neighbors,
and our enemies | mock us.

**O God of | Hosts, restore us
and let Your face shine, that we | may be saved.**

May Your hand be upon the one at | Your right hand,
upon Adam's child that You made strong | for Yourself,

and we will not turn a- | way from You.

Let us live that we may call up- | on Your name.

ADONAI, God of | Hosts, restore us

and let Your face shine, that we | may be saved.

—*trans. Ellen F. Davis*

New Testament Lesson | NT page 142 in pew Bibles.

Romans 1:1–7

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Music

Personent Hodie (“Resound Today”)

arr. John Rutter

Personent hodie
voces puerulae,
laudantes jucunde
qui nobis est natus,
summo Deo datus,
et de virgineo ventre procreatus.

*Let resound today
the voices of children,
joyfully praising
Him who is born to us,
given by most high God,
and conceived in a virginal womb.*

In mundo nascitur,
pannis involvitur
praesepe ponitur
stabulo brutorum,
rector supernorum.
perdidit spolia princeps
infernorum.

*He was born into the world,
wrapped in swaddling clothes,
and laid in a manger
in a stable for animals,
the master of the heavens.
The prince of Hell
has lost his spoils.*

Magi tres venerunt,
parvulum inquirunt,
Bethlehem adeunt,
stellulam sequendo,
ipsum adorando,
aurum, thus, et myrrham ei
offerendo.

*Three Magi came,
they were bearing gifts,
and sought the little one,
following a star,
to worship him,
and offer him gold, frankincense,
and myrrh.*

Omnes clericuli,
pariter pueri,
cantent ut angeli:
advenisti mundo,
laudes tibi fundo.
ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Let all the junior clerics
and also the children
sing like angels:
"You have come to the world,
I pour out praises to you.
Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"*

—*Jacobus Finno*

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 1 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 1:18–25

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Looking for Signs

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 202

People, Look East

BESANÇON

*Advent Creed

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator;
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

—*Lisa Frenz*

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 | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. J. Edmund Hughes

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the world began to be.
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are that have been,
And that future years shall be,
Evermore and evermore.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright.
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

—13th-century plainsong; 15th-century German carol

*Doxology

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to God the Son, our King,
praise to God the Spir-it be ev - er and e - ter - nal-ly.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

**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, forever.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

God Be In My Head

Andrea Ramsey

God be in my head, and in my understanding,
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking,
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.

—*Sarum Primer (1514)*

*Closing Hymn | UMH 211. Stanzas 5, 6, 7, and 1.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Closing Voluntary

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Heathcote Statham
(1889–1973)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Kathryn Lester-Bacon *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Mary Anderson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Christian Wilson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Musicians

The Mosaic Choir and Page Singers *Guest Choir*
Amy Davis *Conductor*
Emily Turner *Conductor*
Chad Fothergill *Interim Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Daniel Jacky *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Charlie Hyland *Cantor*
Mia DiDiano *Prelude Soloist*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Guest Choir | The Mosaic Choir is comprised of late elementary and middle school treble singers. The Mosaic Choir was carried over from the post-pandemic treble choir Mrs. Amy Davis and Mrs. Emily Turner created before joining together with the Raleigh Youth Choir. The Page Singers are advanced treble singers, named in honor of Dr. Fran Page, who served as a pioneer in advancing treble voice choirs in the Triangle and also as a mentor of both Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Turner. For more information, visit www.raleighyouthchoir.org.

Today's Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today's Flowers | The Advent Wreath is made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham. The interior decorations and 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.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Advent Confession: from the *Book of Common Worship*, published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Advent Creed: Lisa Frenz, from *Word of God Come Be With Us: An Advent Order for Holy Communion*; © Lisa Frenz; all rights reserved; used with permission. Doxology: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, attr. Johann Walter (1496–1570), *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein* (1524). *Psalm 80*: Translation by Ellen F. Davis, © 2022; used with permission.

Decoding “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | By the eighth century, daily evening prayer in the Christian tradition included a specific sequence of antiphons, or refrains, that were associated with the final days of the Advent season. In the seven days before Christmas Eve (December 17 to 23), each antiphon began with the letter “O” and a Latin title for Christ drawn from the Hebrew Bible. When the first letter of each title is arranged in reverse order (December 23 to 17), the phrase *ero cras* appears, roughly translated as “I will be there tomorrow.” Around the twelfth century, these “O” antiphons were collected into a Latin hymn, “Veni Emmanuel,” that we sing today (Hymn #211 in *The United Methodist Hymnal*).

ENGAGE

University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Department of Physics.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors, turn to the left, and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

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Attendance Pad | This morning, worshipers are invited to indicate their presence using the attendance pad located on the pews at the center aisle. The purpose of this is to help the Chapel and Congregation better understand who worships with us on Sunday mornings. In addition, this registration will allow those who share a pew to greet each other by name.

Back Pew Collection | Please place diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults and/or feminine hygiene products on the back pew today. Collected items will be donated to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina.

Zoe Empowers Gift Market Today | Christmas gifts can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. After worship today, there will be an alternative gift market for Zoe Empowers, a global mission partner that 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 a gift that matters is empowering a child in Africa. Please stop by the table in the narthex following worship or contact congregation@duke.edu for online options.

Christmas Eve Services | Services on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 are:

- 2:00 p.m. — Children's service with Christmas carols, a pageant, and scripture readings that tell the story of the birth of Jesus; the service lasts about thirty-five minutes.
- 5:00 p.m. — The Durham Children's Choir sings and Dean Powery preaches the sermon; the Amalgam Brass ensemble and chapel organists lead the congregation in singing Christmas hymns.
- 8:00 p.m. — A service with Holy Communion and Dean Powery preaching; the Amalgam Brass ensemble and chapel organists lead the congregation in singing Christmas hymns.
- 11:00 p.m. — The traditional Lessons and Carols service by candlelight with scripture readings and Christmas carols; the singers of the Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum, a harpist, and chapel organists lead the music.

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Urban Ministries Dinners | Please help feed our unsheltered neighbors at Urban Ministries this holiday season. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to volunteer to bring two party-sized Stouffer's lasagnas to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St., Durham, at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, and Sunday, January 8.

Growing Thru Grief | The holiday season can be particularly difficult for those who have recently lost a loved one. Growing Thru Grief offers small-group support to those who are grieving. The meetings are held on Tuesdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 4:15 p.m. Meetings are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis Rd. For more details, please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org. Growing Thru Grief is supported by a coalition of area congregations, including the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

Becoming Human Book Group | All are welcome to participate in a discussion of Dean Luke Powery's newest book, *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race*. The four-week book group will begin on Wednesday, January 11. Book groups will meet over Zoom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For additional information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. These classes are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, as follows:

- Wee Praise:** for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook
- Godly Play:** for children ages 4 through 5th grade in 0050 Langford
- Youth Bible Study:** for Youth in 6th–12th grades in 0015 Westbrook
- Bible Study:** for adults in 0013 Westbrook
- Adult Forum:** Presenters offer diverse presentation in 0012 Westbrook

ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.



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