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, Joseph is visited in the night with the strange message of Jesus’s coming birth.
Gathering
Carillon
Organ Prelude

Ave Maris Stella, Op. 18, No. 1-3                                             Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Choral Introit

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus       W. Walker, *Southern Harmony* (1835)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
by thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You       WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a-right?
2 I lay in fet-ters, groan-ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in-car-na-tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re-joice, then, you sad-heart-ed, who sit in deep-est gloom,

Your peo-ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s de-light!
I stood, my shame be-moan-ing; you came to hon-or me.
Your thirst for my sal-va-tion pro-cured my lib-er-ty.
who mourn your joys de-part-ed and trem-ble at your doom.

Oh, kin-dle, Lord most ho-ly, your lamp with-in my breast
A glo-rious crown you give me, a trea-sure safe on high
Oh, love be-yond all tell-ing, that led you to em-brace
All hail the Lord’s ap-pear-ing! O glo-rious Sun, now come,

to do in spir-it low-ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth-ly rich-es fly.
in love, all love ex-cel-ling, our lost and fall-en race.
send forth your beams so cheer-ing and guide us safe-ly home.
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:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 598 in the pew Bible

Isaiah 7:10-16

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 | Chanted in alternation between the cantor and the congregation.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin | and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and | come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we | may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your | people’s prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink | in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we | may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong | for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call | on your name.

Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we | may be saved.
New Testament Lesson | NT page 142 in the pew Bible

Romans 1:1-7

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

*Gradual Hymn 184 | Face the Gospel Procession
Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 1 in the pew Bible

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Sermon
That We May Be Saved

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

Enatus est Emanuel Michael Praetorius (c.1571–1621)

Enatus est Emanuel, dominus,
quem praedixit Gabriel, dominus,
dominus, salvator noster est.

To us is born Emmanuel, the Lord, as
foretold by Gabriel, the Lord,
the Lord is our savior.

Hic jacet in praesepio, dominus,
puer admirabilis, dominus.
dominus, salvator noster est.

Here in a manger bed he lies, the Lord,
the wondrous child, the Lord,
the Lord is our savior.

Haec lux est orta hodie, dominus,
ex Maria virgine, dominus,
dominus, salvator noster est.

Eternal light appears today, the Lord,
born of the virgin Mary, the Lord,
the Lord is our savior.
Thanksgiving

*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.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 246

Joy to the World

Organ Postlude

Ave Maris Stella, Op. 18, No. 4

Marcel Dupré

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
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg..........................Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ....................Dean, Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett .........................Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
LEC'TORS
Mr. Frank Coble ........................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Rosemary Nye ........................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

MUSICIANS
Advent Choral Ensemble ........................................... Choir
Dr. Zebulon M. Highben.................. Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Christopher Jacobson .................................. Chapel Organist

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg............................... Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

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

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.

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.

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

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Text: Paul Gerhardt 1607-1676; tr. composite
Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | The Chapel will hold four services on Christmas Eve. People attending a service are encouraged to arrive at least thirty minutes early to allow for time to park and to be seated. If the Chapel reaches capacity,
no one else will be allowed in. The services are: at 2:00 p.m., a family-friendly Christmas Eve service for children with hymns and storytelling; at 4:00 p.m., a worship service that includes the Durham Children’s Choir and a sermon from Dean Powery; at 6:00 p.m., a worship service with Holy Communion that includes the Amalgam Brass Ensemble and a sermon from Dean Powery; and at 11:00 p.m., a Service of Lessons and Carols that includes a community choir, scripture readings, and Christmas carols. All four of the services will stream live on the Chapel website and air on Channel 12 of the Duke Hospital TV system. The final service will be broadcast live on WDNC Radio 620 AM and also on Spectrum News Channel 14.

JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNITY CHOIR | Each year members of the Duke community and surrounding communities come together to form a Community Choir that sings in the Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. Led by the director of Chapel Music, Dr. Zebulon Highben, the Community Choir sings anthems and leads the congregation in carols. To participate in the Community Choir, there is a required rehearsal from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve (December 24) in the Chapel. There is also another rehearsal, which choir participants are strongly encouraged to attend, on Monday, December 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Goodson Chapel, which is located next door to Duke Chapel in the Divinity School's Westbrook Building.

UNEVEN GROUND EXHIBIT | Join the Chapel and First Presbyterian Church in exploring our faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit by Bull City 150. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue. It will be on display from January 3 through February 16 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church is located at 305 E. Main St., which is on the free bus line and has limited free parking. Three events at First Presbyterian Church expand upon the theme of the exhibit: On January 14 at 6:00 p.m. is panel discussion of “Gentrification: the New Segregation?,” on January 19 at 12:15 p.m. is the opening reception for the exhibit with a presentation by Bull City 150, and on February 4 at 6:00 p.m. is an open house and titled “Sharing, Naming, and Healing.” For more information, contact the Chapel’s community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

DEAN POWERY’S SPRING 2020 SABBATICAL | Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery will take a sabbatical leave from January 1 to June 30, 2020. During his sabbatical he will be a visiting associate professor in the Department of Africa, African American, and Diaspora Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill. He will do research for a book on the Spirit, race, and the church and invites the prayers of the Chapel community for a fruitful and refreshing sabbatical. While he is on leave, the Rev. Bruce Puckett, the Chapel’s assistant
dean, and Amanda Hughes, the Chapel’s director of development and strategy, will assume day-to-day leadership of the Chapel.

**MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT BROADCAST** | *The Marvel of This Night: Christmas at Duke University Chapel*, a service of music and readings, will be broadcast nationally on the CBS Television Network, and also stream on the CBS All Access website, on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 11:35 p.m. local time. This hour-long special, produced by the Chapel and campus partners, features beloved Christmas carols accompanied by three of the Chapel’s organs as well as traditional scripture readings. In it, all of the Chapel’s choirs and a sixteen-piece orchestra perform music from around the world. The program will also be available on the Chapel’s YouTube channel from December 26 – January 6.

**JANUARY BOOK GROUP** | Two book groups will start the new year discussing Parker Palmer’s book, *Let Your Life Speak*. The groups will meet on Wednesdays, January 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For detailed information and to indicate your plans to attend, please contact the Congregation office.

**URBAN MINISTRIES DINNER** | Ten volunteers and twenty cooked lasagnas are needed every month to serve our neighbors at Urban Ministries. The Congregation will be providing dinner on Sunday, January 12 at 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 26 at 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Please contact the Congregation office if you are able to assist. New volunteers are welcome at any time and detailed instructions are provided.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages are offered on most Sundays of the year 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. All classes will resume on January 5.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email