



Duke
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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2023, 11:00 a.m.



Beate Heinen, *O Heiland, reiß die Himmel auf* (*O Savior, Tear Open the Heavens*), 1993.

Our lessons today remind us that Advent is about more than an anticipated birth in Bethlehem. This year, the first words read in Advent are “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down”, which were prophetic words that anticipated the rending of heaven when the Messiah entered our world as a tiny infant, coming down to earth to bring salvation to all. Today, these words continue to ring out in anticipation of a second coming, filled with great power, when once again the world will sing songs of the glory of God. Advent is a time of waiting and a reminder that those who wait will be rewarded. God’s promises have been and will be fulfilled.

Gathering

*All rise as able

Carillon

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL)

Larry Shackley
arr. Arnold Sherman

Lo, How a Rose (ES IST EIN ROS)

arr. Sandra Eithun

People, Look East (BESANÇON)

arr. Jason Krug

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 718

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

*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.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 652–653 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 64:1–9

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (JEFFERSON)

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 47–48 in pew Bibles.

Mark 13:24–37

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

If Only You Would

Response

*Response Hymn | The hymn is printed at the end of the worship guide.

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

MERTON

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

Advent Fantasy

arr. Judy Philips

(GENEVAN 42; PICARDY; NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND; PUER NOBIS)

*Doxology

Praise to God the Father Sing

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

*Sending Hymn | UMH 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Postlude

Chaconne in G Minor

Louis Couperin
(1626–1661)

Carillon

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Beth Moore *Founder, Living Proof Ministries*

Lectors

Emily Summers *Chapel Scholar; Divinity '26*
Riley Hamp *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '25*

Musicians

The Bell Ringers *First Baptist Church, Henderson, N.C.*
David Cole *Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Henderson, N.C.*
Robert Parkins *University Organist, Duke University*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Guest Preacher | An author and speaker, Beth Moore is a dynamic teacher whose conferences take her across the globe. She lives in Houston, Texas, where she leads Living Proof Ministries. She has written numerous bestselling books and Bible studies and recently celebrated twenty-five years of Living Proof Live conferences. She can be seen teaching Bible studies on the television program Living Proof with Beth Moore, aired on the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Guest Ensemble | The Bell Ringers of The First Baptist Church of Henderson, North Carolina, have concertized up and down the East Coast since their founding in 1969 by Dr. Philip Young. They have performed for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the NC Music Teachers Association, and the NC Federated Women's Clubs, in addition to regular participation in the worship services of their own church. The Bell Ringers have made an annual appearance in Duke Chapel for over forty years. After nearly two decades under the baton of Mark Hopper, David Cole, First Baptist's Minister of Music, now directs the group, whose members range from seventh grade to post-college. One of the largest church handbell programs in the United States, First Baptist's several handbell ensembles ring Schulmerich handbells and Malmark Cymbells and handchimes.

Music for Advent | The texts of Advent hymns and anthems artfully blend themes of incarnation with resurrection, and the anticipation of Christ's birth and second coming. One good example is the hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" (see UMH 214). Attributed to St. Ambrose of Milan (340–397), the Latin text was adapted in German and expanded by Martin Luther (1483–1546) in the sixteenth century. "Savior of the Nations, Come" serves as a motif in our Advent services this year. Each week, its melody (NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND) is used for our seasonal doxology. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, at 11:00 am, we will sing the hymn in its entirety, and hear a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach based upon it.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Advent Confession: from the *Book of Common Worship*, published by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). **Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding.** Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall (1814–1878). Music, MERTON: William H. Monk (1823–1889). Public domain. **Praise to God the Father Sing.** Text: traditional Doxology. Music, NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND: attr. Johann Walter (1496–1570), *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524.

Today's Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. 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 flowers for the worship service today and the Advent wreath are given to the glory of God and made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

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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 Classical Studies.

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.

Attendance Register | This morning, worshipers are invited to indicate their presence using the attendance register 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.

Fellowship Event Next Sunday | All are welcome to stay after worship next Sunday, December 10, for conversation and Christmas cookies in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. In addition to enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends, participants will also be invited to assemble seven “Welcome Home” boxes for citizens returning to Durham from incarceration. Donations of Christmas cookies and other holiday treats may be dropped off in the Chapel kitchen prior to worship.

Guest Preacher, the Rev. Dr. Jared Alcántara | Our guest preacher for the Sunday morning service on December 10, at 11:00 a.m. is the Rev. Dr. Jared Alcántara, the Paul W. Powell Chair of Preaching at Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. His recent publications include *Let the Legends Preach* and *The Practices of Christian Preaching*. An ordained Baptist minister, he has also served as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and teaching pastor in Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, and New Jersey.

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Alternative Gift Giving | Help empower orphaned youth through Zoe Empowers, as it equips orphaned children and youth-led families with solutions to overcome extreme poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. A Zoe Empowers gift market provides an opportunity to honor a loved one with a gift to support vulnerable children in Zimbabwe. The gift market will be held after worship in the narthex on Sundays, December 10 and 17.

Advent Lessons and Carols | Based on the formula made famous by the Christmas Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, the Chapel's Advent Lessons and Carols service follows a similar pattern of readings, choral anthems, and congregational hymns. The service will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. and will last about one hour.

Bach Cantata on Fourth Sunday of Advent | In our Sunday morning service on December 24, at 11:00 a.m., the Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum and Mallarmé Music will perform J. S. Bach's cantata *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* ("Savior of the Nations, Come"), BWV 61. Dr. Richard Lischer, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching at Duke Divinity School, will offer a homily on the cantata text and the scripture lessons for the day.

Christmas Eve at Duke Chapel | The Chapel will hold four Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24. These services often fill up, so attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Free parking is available in the Bryan Center Parking Garage located at 125 Science Drive.

- 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 Powery preaches the sermon; the Amalgam Brass ensemble and Chapel organists lead the congregation in singing Christmas carols.
- 8:00 p.m., A service with Holy Communion and Powery preaching; the Bell Durham handbell choir plays; the Amalgam Brass ensemble and Chapel organists lead the congregation in singing Christmas carols.
- 11:00 p.m., The traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight with scripture readings and Christmas carols; the singers of the Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum, a harpist, and Chapel organists lead the music, which will include the debut of an original, award-winning carol by Dr. Zebulon Highben, the Chapel's music director.

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Sunday, December 24 | There will also be a service at 11:00 a.m. on December 24, which will mark the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Volunteers Needed | The Congregation serves dinner at Urban Ministries of Durham once a month. Donated cooked lasagnas that serve 24 (such as two party-sized Stouffer's lasagnas) are needed for the monthly dinner to help feed our unsheltered neighbors on Wednesday, December 27, and Sunday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to indicate your plans to bring hot lasagna to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St., Durham. Four to six volunteers are also needed to stay to plate the meals.

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. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook

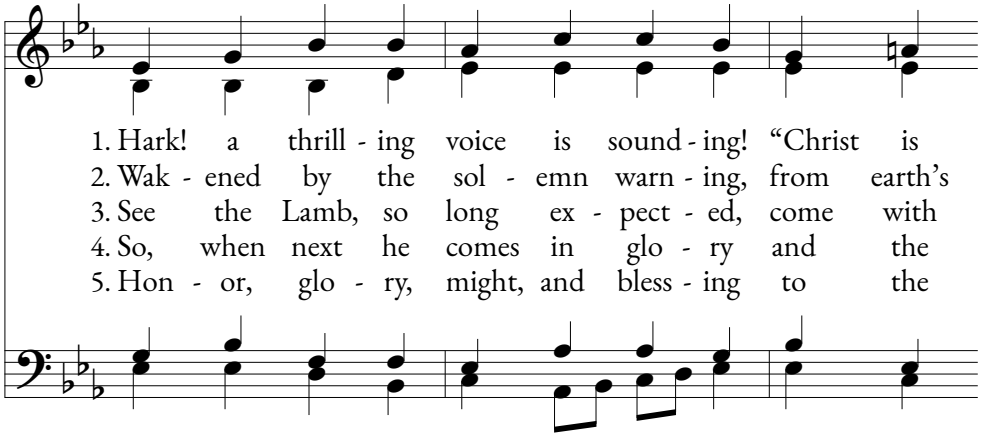
Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in 0050 Langford

Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford

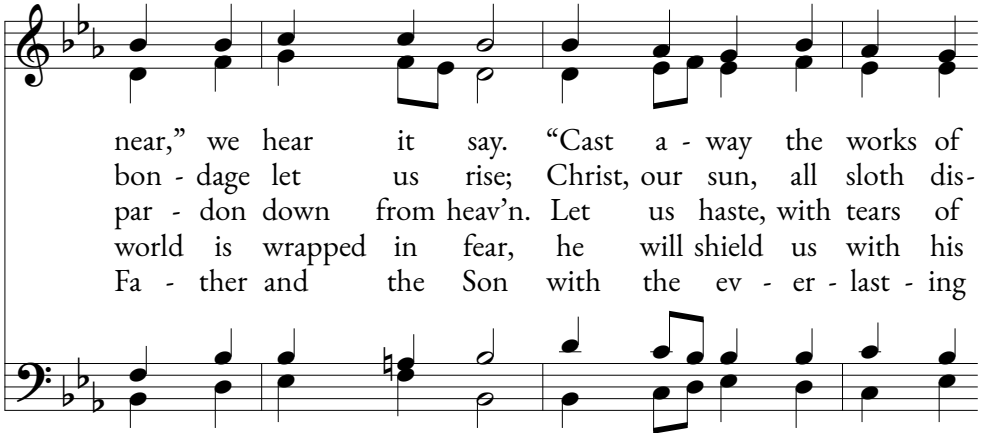
Youth Program: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore Joshua, Judges, and Ruth in 0015 Westbrook

Advent Study: An exploration of *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom

RESPONSE HYMN | Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's
3. See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with
4. So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of
bon - dage let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis -
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of
world is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his
Fa - ther and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing



dark - ness, all you chil - dren of the day!"
pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
sor - row, one and all to be for - giv'n.
mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. 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

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