For Israel in the Old Testament and for Jews today, God’s gift of the law is not for their punishment or restriction but for their flourishing and blessing. God desires a response of participation and obedience. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus renews Israel’s understanding of the law. It is not just that misguided actions (murder and adultery) are harmful; the thoughts behind the actions (anger and lust) are just as damaging to the people of God. In Deuteronomy, God lays before his people choices of life and blessing, death and adversity, with a plea that his people choose life. Dean Wells will reflect on this text as he addresses the issue of abortion.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**PRELUDE**
Le Jardin suspendu  
Jehan Alain  
(1911-1940)

**INTROIT**
If Ye Love Me  
Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you  
forever, even the spirit of truth.  
—John 14:15-17

**GREETING**

*Proceessional Hymn 161*  
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
vineyard haven

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance (in unison)*  
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PeACE*  
(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

**PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)*  
Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength,  
without you we are lost: as you inspire us by your word,  
guard us from all that harms or hurts, and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
(OT page 179 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gradual Hymn 390 (stanzas 1-2)
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 5:21-37 (NT pages 4-5)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 390 (stanzas 3-4)
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Sermon—Choosing Life… and Living with Choices

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: “Hear our prayer.”)

Offertory Anthem
Festival Te Deum
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens, and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; the Father, of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

—from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION
This morning we give thanks for the Department of Biology. We celebrate its study of living organisms and how they interact with each other and the environment. The ushers bring a petri dish with the departmental emblem to the altar.

In Durham, we celebrate all those people who seek to build friendships across socio-economic and racial lines. A representative brings forward a copy of The Best of Enemies, an account of how two people from very different backgrounds in Durham came to be friends.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
(Musical Setting A, on page 17 of the hymnal)

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE  
All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. The tradition as understood at Duke Chapel is that the Holy Spirit makes Christ fully present in both the bread and the wine. If you receive only the bread, be assured that you are nonetheless in full communion with Christ and the Church. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 549 (sung by all)  
Where Charity and Love Prevail  
ST. PETER

COMMUNION ANTHEM  
O Taste and See  
John Goss  
(1800-1880)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints, for they that fear him lack nothing. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but they who see the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.  
—Psalm 34:8-10
**HYMN 636 (choir only)**
Christian People, Raise Your Song

**AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING FORTH**

**Benediction**

**RECESSONAL HYMN 534**
Be Still, My Soul

**FINLANDIA**

**CHORAL BLESSING**
God Be in My Head

**John Rutter**
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine 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 in my departing.

**POSTLUDE**
Prélude, Op. 29/1

**Gabriel Pierné**
(1863-1937)

**CARILLON**

*All who are able may stand.*

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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

**Presiding Ministers**
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

**Preacher**
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

**Lectors**
Ms. Taylor Glymph
*Trinity '11, PathWays Chapel Scholar*
Mr. Mark Thysell
*Trinity '11*

**Soloist**
Ms. Kristen Blackman

**Choir Director**
Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

**Organists**
Dr. Robert Parkins
Dr. David Arcus

**Ministers of Anointing**
The Rev. Kori Jones
The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

**Head Ushers**
Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

**Carillonneur**
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
**Today’s Flowers**—The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**L’Arche Community in Durham**—A group is forming to begin the preliminary process towards starting a L’Arche in Durham. L’Arche brings together people with and without developmental disabilities to share their lives in communities of faith and friendship. You are invited to the first meeting on Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Reality Center, 916 Lamond Ave., to learn, listen, and pray with others interested in discovering where God is leading. For more information, contact Jillaine VanEssen at 608-469-2104 or jkvanessen@gmail.com. See [www.larcheusa.org](http://www.larcheusa.org) for more details on L’Arche.

**Organ Recital Next Week**—Next Sunday, February 20, at 5:00 p.m., James Moeser will present a recital in Duke Chapel on the Flentrop and Aeolian organs. Dr. Moeser was a well-known concert organist before assuming the duties of a university administrator, most recently as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His program will feature works by Bach, Couperin, Franck, Schumann, and Mulet. The event is free and open to the public.

**PathWays Summer Internships or 10-month Fellowships**—Attention students and young alumni/ae who are interested in listening to the heart of God while living in the heart of Durham. Apply today to be a PathWays Summer Intern or a 10-month Fellow. Interns and fellows enjoy living in the PathWays House while working in the private or public sector, in nonprofits, churches, and faith-based organizations. This is an opportunity to deepen faith while exploring vocation in Christian community and growing in friendship with our neighbors in Durham. Stipend and housing are provided. For an application and details, visit [www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways), or contact the Rev. Keith Daniel, kd1@duke.edu.

**Sermons Available**—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on the Chapel’s website, [www.chapel.duke.edu](http://www.chapel.duke.edu).
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Adult Forum—Next Sunday, February 20, Gina Upchurch, RPh, MPH, Executive Director of Senior PharmAssist, will speak on Senior PharmAssist: Medication Appropriateness and Access, Medicare & Advocacy. This Durham-based nonprofit organization will be the Chapel’s Mission of the Month for March. If you are a senior citizen, or assist in the care of a senior parent or friend, come learn about the services offered by Senior PharmAssist. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

The Environment and the Chapel—The Congregation’s Environmental Stewardship Committee is exploring additional pathways, partnerships, and programs that could help promote responsible stewardship of creation within the walls of the Chapel and well beyond. If you are interested in learning more, join the committee today in the kitchen following worship.

Short Term Study with Antioch Baptist—Beginning Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. the Congregation will be joining members from Antioch Baptist Church for a study of Pauli Murray’s book Proud Shoes. All are invited to be part of this 4-week study. The Congregation will have a few copies of the book available for $10 each. For more information contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.

Small Group Fellowship Lunch—On Sunday, February 20, you are cordially invited to join fellow worshipers for a quick bite to eat on campus or at a nearby restaurant worship. The gathering will break into small groups to make meeting and getting to know each other easier. Look for the red and white umbrella on the quad after the service. All are invited.

New Adult Study—Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness will be led by Melissa Mills and will focus on the Sermon on the Mount. The group will meet Tuesdays at 12:15–2:00 p.m. from February 15 through April 12 at the Episcopal Center. Contact Melissa Mills at melissa.mills@gmail.com for more information.

Seeds Collection—The Local Missions committee will be collecting items for Durham nonprofit SEEDS this week and next week. SEEDS educates both youth and adults through gardening, growing food, and cultivating respect for life, earth, and each other. Items to be collected are pruners, olive oil, kitchen pots, kitchen spices, eco-friendly cleaning products, notebooks, twine, Tupperware, bone meal, and gift certificates to Home Depot, Lowe’s, or Sam’s Club. Monetary donations will be accepted. To pay by check, please make the check payable to the Congregation at Duke Chapel and add “SEEDS” in the memo line. Donations may be dropped off on the back pew of the Chapel through next Sunday.
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

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FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.
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We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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