Persistence is a common thread in each of the lectionary passages for today. In Jeremiah, the prophet speaks of the persistence of God, who seeks a new covenant with his people. The time of destruction is ended and the time of replanting and regrowth is at hand. The gospel lesson from Luke details the story of the persistent widow who sought justice again and again until the judge relented and granted her request. God’s persistence and the widow’s persistence reveal the tenacity of love and faith.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

*Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 672* Johann Sebastian Bach
*Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 673* (1685-1750)
*Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 674*

*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* Johannes Brahms
(Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness) (1833-1897)

Introit

*Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz* (first movement) Brahms

*Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, und gib mir einen neuen, gewissen Geist.*

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and give to me a new, right spirit.  
—Psalm 51:10

Greeting

*Processional Hymn 79*  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
GROSSER GOTT

*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)*

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives by your word,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
FIRST LESSON—2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NT page 201 in the pew Bible)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 198 (stanzas 1-2)
  My Soul Gives Glory to My God
  (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 18:1-8 (NT page 76)
  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 198 (stanzas 3-5)
  My Soul Gives Glory to My God

SERMON—The Widow Wins

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.”)

STUDENT MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERTORY
  Beati quorum via            Charles Villiers Stanford
  (1852-1924)

  Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

  Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.
  —Psalm 119:1

*DOXOLOGY
  LASST UNS ERFREUEN
  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 celebrate the Department of Mathematics, where students are
  challenged to use reason and imagination to understand the beauty and intricacies
  of abstract structure, and where they learn how to apply mathematics as an
  essential and integral tool of science and technology in areas as diverse as cosmology,
  economics, medicine, and environmental studies. A graduate student representative
  brings a Klein bottle to the altar.
In Durham we lift up those who are taking part in local elections, those who are candidates participating in public debate and discussion, as well as election workers and all those monitoring election processes. A representative brings forward a Durham County Election Manual.

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in 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 388 (sung by all)
O Come and Dwell in Me

Communion Anthem
Ave verum corpus


Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary: who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals: whose side was pierced, whence flowed blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining. O sweet, O blessed, O Jesus Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Hymn 612 (choir only)
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

*Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 598
O Word of God Incarnate
*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.

**Organ Postlude**

*Wir glauben all an einen Gott*, BWV 680

(We All Believe in One God)

**Carillon**

*All who are able may stand.*
**Today’s Guest Preacher**
This morning we welcome the Rev. Jeremy Troxler as our guest preacher. The Rev. Troxler is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He serves as Director of the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative at Duke Divinity School, a program whose mission is to share and strengthen the gifts of North Carolina’s rural communities and churches. Jeremy grew up on a farm in Brown Summit, NC, and was baptized at Gethsemane UMC before receiving a Morehead Scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill and then becoming a Duke Scholar at Duke Divinity School. He has served churches in the Channel Islands of Great Britain and in Maggie Valley, NC. Jeremy lives in Mebane with his wife, Margaret, and daughters, Ada and Della.

**Chapel Announcements**

**Today’s Flowers**—The flowers for this morning 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 the Chapel’s PathWays program that offers undergraduates and recent graduates varied opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives. Our extended Lilly grant requires a 50% match from the Chapel.

**Live Worship Broadcast Update**—Duke Chapel will no longer provide RealPlayer video streaming. Duke Chapel now provides a live Flash stream, available during worship services by visiting: [www.chapel.duke.edu/flash/flash.html](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/flash/flash.html). RealPlayer webcasts of past worship services will remain viewable at: [www.chapel.duke.edu/sermons.html](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/sermons.html). Other outlets, including the radio and cable television stations, will continue to broadcast as normal.

**Dean’s Dialogues**—Durham Public Schools Superintendent Eric Becoats will participate in a public conversation with Duke Chapel Dean Sam Wells on Thursday, Oct. 21, as part of the Chapel’s Dean’s Dialogues series “Listening to the Heart of Durham.” The event begins at 12:15 p.m. in Duke Chapel and is free and open to the public. In the series, the Dean will discuss topics surrounding the common good and the Duke-Durham relationship. Those who attend will have a chance to ask questions.

**All Hallows’ Eve Service of Worship**
**Saturday, October 31 ~ 10:45 p.m.**

Join the Chapel community and the Duke Choral Vespers Ensemble for a candlelight service of worship and remembrance. This unique service reflects on the role of saints in the faith and in our own lives through music, scripture, and readings of particular saints from the Christian tradition. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Adult Forum—Next Sunday, October 24, the Adult Forum will welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Daniel Day who will give a presentation on the “Pentecostal Chapter of Christian History.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

Small Group Fellowship Lunch—What are you doing for lunch after church today? Join fellow worshippers for a quick bite to eat on campus or at a nearby restaurant. Plan to gather on the quad right after the service and break into small groups of 8 (or fewer) people. Come and meet your fellow worshipers. Look for the red, white, and black umbrella. Everyone is invited.

Godly Play Volunteers—The Congregation invites volunteer storytellers and doorkeepers for Godly Play, a ministry with children. Storytellers present the lessons and manage the Godly Play circle while doorkeepers provide assistance. Please contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu for more information.

Local Missions Collection—The Congregation’s local missions ministry is collecting donations of new and gently used items for the Freedom House that include: adult sizes of hospital slippers, socks, underwear, pajamas, casual wear, toiletries, twin size flat sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, and wash cloths. Place these items on the two back pews of the Chapel today or throughout this week. Questions? Contact Marilyn Christian at 361-1974 or mchristian2@nc.rr.com.

Children’s Ministry—Godly Play meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Children entering second grade or younger meet in the crypt. Those in the third to fifth grades meet in the York Reading Room on the second floor of Duke Divinity School. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

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.

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, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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