The four Sundays of Advent, marked by the wreath in the center aisle, signify the beginning of the Church’s year. Advent anticipates the two most significant moments in the Christian understanding of history: the coming of Christ as one like us two thousand years ago, and his second coming at the end of time. The promise of Advent is that the kingdom of God is drawing near. That promise was fulfilled in an infant child many years ago. We still experience that promise today.

“Bright Candle in the Darkness,” by Markus Merz.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

PRELUDE
Improvisation on VENI EMMANUEL

INTROIT
Sarabande from Partita in a Minor Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211 (stanzas 1-4, 7) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison) The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, and as we hear your word, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 64:1-9 (OT pages 652-53 in the pew Bible) Lector: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Avent from Communions Pour Une Liturgie Georges Migot (1891-1976)

At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *(NT page 155)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 196 *(stanza 1)*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)*

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 13:24-37 *(NT page 47-48)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 196 *(stanza 2)*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

SERMON—Never Mind the Width

RESPONSE

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day
he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the com-
munion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Nativité from *Communions Pour Une Liturgie* Migot

*DOXOLOGY*

Veni emmanuel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Thanksgiving

This morning we give thanks for the Nasher Museum of Art. We celebrate the ways its exhibitions continue to enlighten and enrich both the University and the community. A representative brings a catalog from the upcoming “Alexander Calder” exhibition to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those who are homeless and the organizations that work to offer safe shelter and opportunities for home ownership. A representative brings a blanket to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 718

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on Helmsley

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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This Week at Duke Chapel

Morning Prayer - Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel

Communion and Healing - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel

Choral Vespers - Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Chancel
**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Flowers**—The wreaths on both sides of the front entrance of the Chapel, the Advent Wreath, and the red poinsettias that adorn the balustrade are made possible by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used for the Chapel Development Fund, which is the primary source of contributed funds for building care and preservation. The Chapel fulfills James B. Duke’s desire that the building exert a profound influence on the lives of the young women and men who attend the university.

**Handel’s Messiah**—The Duke Chapel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform Handel’s Messiah on December 2 at 7:30 p.m., December 3 at 2:00 p.m., and December 4 at 3:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel. The choir and orchestra will be performing from the Chapel crossing, which improves the clarity of the sound for the listener. Tickets are $15 for adults, $5 for non-Duke students, and free for the first 300 Duke students. Tickets are available at the Duke Box Office by calling 684-4444 or at www.tickets.duke.edu.

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**The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.**

**Adult Forum**—Next Sunday, December 4, Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, Associate Dean for Religious Life, will lead us on *Theology of Kinship: Why Interfaith Engagement Is Important at Duke Chapel*. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**Share Your Holidays**—This month, the Local Missions Team is participating in the Duke Center for Civic Engagement Share Your Holidays project. This program supplies donated new gifts to disadvantaged Durham citizens who might not otherwise have Christmas gifts. You are able to choose individuals to help from the Christmas Angel bulletin board as you leave the Chapel after worship. Gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 4.

**Honduras Gift Market**—Congregation youth are raising money to benefit the Cocal Gracias Project, a ministry based in Puerto Cortes, Honduras. Youth with their parents will be traveling to Honduras in July to work with this ministry in mission. The youth group will sponsor a Honduras Gift Market to raise money to help build a home for a Puerto Cortes pastor and his family. Look for the youth near the front steps of the Chapel following the Sunday services today through December 18.

**Becoming a Member of the Congregation**—If you are interested in exploring membership in the Congregation at Duke Chapel, the Congregation is hosting a series of orientation sessions to meet on Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 following morning worship in the Chapel kitchen. Membership in the Congregation is open to all. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.
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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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