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 answered in an infant child many years ago. We still experience that promise today.
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.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Sleepers, Wake Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)
Corrente from Partita in A minor J. S. Bach

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211 (stanzas 1-4, 7)
O Come, O Come, 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.

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 2:1-5 (OT page 594 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM
   Cantabile from 6 Duets for 2 Flutes   Wilhelm Friedemann Bach (1710-1784)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 13:11-14 (NT page 152)
   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—Matthew 24:36-44 (NT page 26)
   Lector:   This is the word of the Lord.
   People:  Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 196 (stanza 2)
   Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SERMON—Ploughshares and Pruning Hooks

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
   Allabreve from 6 Duets for 2 Flutes   W. F. Bach

*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 Office of Information Technology. We celebrate the essential role it plays in managing Duke’s collaborative and administrative IT services and in encouraging us to explore new ways to use technology for teaching, learning, and research. The ushers bring a laptop 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
Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”

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 Memorial Chapel
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 3 at 7:30 p.m., December 4 at 2:00 p.m., and December 5 at 3:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel. The choir and orchestra of this year’s Messiah will be performing from the Chapel crossing, improving 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 5, Sonja Tilley will conclude her two-part presentation of The Word of God for the People of God: Origins and Formation of the Bible II. 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 of the Congregation 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. The Congregation will be collecting the gifts through Sunday, December 5.

Heifer International—For the ninth consecutive year, the children and youth of the Congregation are raising money to benefit Heifer International. Children’s classes will be selling greeting cards, which are suitable as Christmas cards or for other purposes. The Youth Group will sponsor the Living Gift Market, providing people the chance to support Heifer through purchasing bees, tree seedlings, cows, or other livestock. Look for the children and youth near the front steps of the Chapel following the Sunday services through December 12.
Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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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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