Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the Church’s year. The Advent wreath in the center aisle marks the four Sundays of the season. The season of 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 gospel lesson describes the “Son of Man coming in a cloud” and a promise that the kingdom of God is drawing near. That promise was answered in an infant child many years ago, and we still experience that promise today.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

Improvisation on VENI EMMANUEL

GREETING

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

*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)
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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Jeremiah 33:14-16 (OT page 694 in the pew Bible)
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.)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
*Gradual Hymn 196 (stanza 2)*
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Sermon—Telling Time**

**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 Music**
Flute Selections

*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 and Communion**

This morning we give thanks for graduate and professional students. We celebrate their diligence and discipline in seeking to become experts in particular fields of study. A representative brings a Duke doctoral hood to the altar.

In Durham, we remember the many health ministries that work locally and globally to provide medical care and attention to those in need. The ushers bring a blood pressure cuff to the altar.

*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. 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 720 (sung by all)**
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

**Communion Music**
Flute Selections

*Prayer After Communion

**Sending Forth**

* Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 718
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

**Postlude**
Prelude on Bryn Calfaria (Lo, He Comes) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**Carillon**

*All who are able may stand.

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This Week at Duke Chapel

**Morning Prayer** - Weekdays 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 5:30 p.m. in the Chancel
Messiah

The Duke Chapel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform Handel’s Messiah on December 4 at 7:30 p.m., December 5 at 2:00 p.m., and December 6 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.

Choral Vespers Service of Lessons and Carols

This Thursday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m., the Vespers Ensemble will lead an Advent service of Lessons and Carols in the chancel. This 30-minute candlelight service will feature scripture, hymns, and anthems focusing on the Advent season. Seasonal music will be played by Chapel Organist David Arcus beginning at 5:15 p.m.

PathWays

Student Preacher Sunday

Sunday, February 7, 2010, is Student Preacher Sunday at Duke Chapel. A Duke undergraduate student will be selected to preach at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service in Duke Chapel. All Duke undergraduates are welcome to apply. Application guidelines can be found at www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways/studentpreacher.html. The submission deadline is noon on Friday, January 8, 2010.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Sunday Classes**—The speaker for next week’s Adult Forum is Emily Wilson-Hauger, Faith Council Coordinator at Duke Chapel. Her topic is “The Faith Council Tours Turkey.” The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 0012 Westbrook.

**Share Your Holidays**—Now through December 6, the Congregation is collecting gifts for the Share Your Holidays project. This program supplies new gifts to disadvantaged Durham citizens who might not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. You are invited to choose individuals to help from the Christmas Angel bulletin board located in the narthex after worship.

**Heifer International**—For the eighth consecutive year, the children and youth of the Congregation are raising money to benefit Heifer International and help alleviate world hunger. Children’s classes are selling greeting cards and the Youth Group is sponsoring the Living Gift Market, which allows donors to purchase bees, tree seedlings, cows, or other livestock to support poor families. Look for the children and youth by the front steps of the chapel following Sunday services from now through December 13.

**Bethlehem Imports**—The World Missions committee will be selling goods from Bethlehem Imports in front of Duke Chapel following worship through December 13. These beautiful olive wood carvings, imported from Bethlehem, are handmade by Palestinian Christians. The proceeds of the sale will go to support the artisans and to provide scholarships for upcoming missions trips.

**Gift Cards for IHN Families**—During the week of December 23 - January 2, the Interfaith Hospitality Network staff takes a holiday break and the IHN mothers and children stay in a hotel. Gift cards which will enable them to purchase food are needed for that week. If you would like to contribute, please contact Marilyn Christian for more information at mchristian@nc.rr.com. Cards will be collected today and next week.

**Stephen Ministry**—Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one confidential care-giving to individuals in crisis. To receive care from a Stephen Minister, to make a referral for someone else, or to find out how to become trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark.

**Habitat House**—The Congregation at Duke Chapel is partnering with Duke students this fall to build a Habitat for Humanity house at 918 Morehead Avenue. Work has begun and will continue each Saturday until the house is completed. Anyone over sixteen years of age is invited to participate. For more information, or to volunteer for a Saturday morning or afternoon shift, please visit [http://www2.mysignup.com/dukehabitat](http://www2.mysignup.com/dukehabitat) or contact John Boswell at john.boswell@sas.com. No experience is required.
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 to support Duke Chapel’s engagement with the Durham community. Specifically, funds will support deepening relationships in the West End neighborhood as well as Dean Wells’ Community Engagement series. These endeavors offer opportunities for those involved in the life of Duke Chapel to grow in faith together with downtown Durham neighborhoods and congregations. As Duke Chapel deepens its commitment to seek the welfare of the city of Durham, we hope these encounters will foster meaningful and transformational relationships in our community.

**Christmas Concert by the Duke Chorale**—On Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m., the Duke Chorale will present its popular annual Christmas concert in Duke Chapel. Designed for the whole family, the concert features choral music, reading, audience singing, and audience bell-ringing. Seasonal organ and carillon music start at 6:30 p.m. Admission is one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to needy families in Durham. Rodney Wynkoop conducts.

**Sunday Night Worship Service of Lessons and Carols**—Next Sunday, December 6, at 5:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel, the Chapel will be hosting an ecumenical service of Lessons and Carols. The service is student-led and will feature a creative telling of the Advent story through scripture, song, and symbols. A reception will immediately follow the service.

**Christ in the Desert Spring Break Trip**—The Duke Chapel PathWays program is sponsoring a trip for undergraduates to the Christ in the Desert Monastery in the mountains of New Mexico from March 6-13, led by the Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer. Students will spend their spring break immersed in the rhythms of prayer, rest, and work that shape the monastic life. Find applications at [www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways](http://www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways). The application deadline is January 22, 2010.

**Community Engagement**—Duke Chapel has an email list for those interested in building friendships across boundaries and engaging with the West End and greater Durham community. Opportunities are emailed from Duke Chapel’s Director of University and Community Relations Gaston Warner and Community Minister Abby Kocher. To subscribe to the list, contact Gaston Warner at g.warner@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 our website, [www.chapel.duke.edu](http://www.chapel.duke.edu).
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. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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