Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the Church’s year. The Advent crown in the center aisle marks the four Sundays of the season. The season of Advent looks to the two most significant moments in the Christian notion of history: the coming of Christ as one like us two thousand years ago, and his second coming at the end of time. Having spent the last year concentrating on the gospel of Luke, the readings now turn for the coming year to concentrate on the gospel of Matthew. Yesterday marked World AIDS Day: the sermon reflects this somber theme.
Duke University Chapel

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 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 are available at the sound board and a Braille hymnal is 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 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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King  
arr. Sandra Eithun

O God Beyond All Praising  
Gustav Holst
arr. Philip M. Young

Be Thou My Vision  
arr. Lloyd Larson

Advent Voices (Veni Emmanuel and Besançon) arr. Kathleen Wissinger

God of Grace and God of Glory  
arr. Paul Manz

Greensleeves  
arr. Hart Morris

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
arr. Joel Raney

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 214
Savior of the Nations, Come  
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*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.)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  (in unison)
Almighty God, as we hear your word proclaimed this morning,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on
the armor of light, now in the time of this earthly life, where
your Son came to us in humility; that on the last day, when he
comes again, we may rise to the life immortal; through Christ
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.  Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 2:1-5 (page 594 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING
In dulci jubilo  German Melody
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)
arr. Brian Childers

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 13:11-14 (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  HYFRYDOL
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 24:36-44 (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  HYFRYDOL

SERMON—The Three Realities of AIDS

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 communion 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.”)

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERTORY
   Ave Maria Johann Sebastian Bach
   (1685-1750)
   arr. Charles Gounod

*Doxology
   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 Department of Chemistry - for the ways it provides scientific understanding of the material world and mechanisms for understanding the relationships between living organisms and chemical elements. A representative brings a periodic table to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 718
   Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
   HELMSLEY

Postlude
   Chaconne in G Minor Louis Couperin
   (1626-1661)

Carillon Music

*All who are able may stand.
**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

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| Presiding Ministers   | The Rev. Craig Kocher  
The Rev. Keith Daniel                                                   |
| Preacher              | The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells                                      |
| Lectors               | Mr. Matthew Edwards  
*Trinity '08; Member of the Chapel Choir*  
Ms. Stephanie Cordato  
*Trinity '09; Member of the Chapel Choir* |
| Organist              | Dr. Robert Parkins                                                  |
| Guest Musicians       | The Bell Ringers of The First Baptist Church  
Mr. Mark Hopper, director  
Ms. Rosene Rohrer, flautist  
Mr. Chip Rotolo, solo ringer |
| Carillonneur          | Mr. J. Samuel Hammond                                               |
| Head Ushers           | Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Sara Brandt                             |

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**SPRING BREAK AT THE CHRIST IN THE DESERT MONASTERY**

Are you seeking to deepen your prayer life? The Duke Chapel PathWays program is sponsoring a trip for undergraduates to the Christ in the Desert Monastery in the mountains of New Mexico. Students will spend five days immersed in the rhythms of prayer, rest, and work that shape the monastic life. The Rev. Abby Kocher will be leading this trip. Space constraints limit the team to only six students. The cost is $250 plus some meals. Find applications at www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways or by contacting abby.kocher@duke.edu. The application deadline is January 25, 2008.

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**DEANS' DIALOGUE**

This semester's Deans' Dialogue series continues with Duke Chapel Dean Sam Wells in conversation with Dean Gregory Jones of the Duke Divinity School on Monday, December 3, at in 0014 Westbrook in the Divinity School. Wells and Jones will discuss the question: "What would you do with $100 million?" The 5:15 p.m. event is free and the public is invited to attend.
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—December’s Mission of the Month offering will be given to the Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina. This organization serves people living with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones, caregivers, and communities at large. It offers compassionate and nonjudgmental care, prevention, education, and advocacy. It provides client services from offices in Raleigh and Durham, operates family care homes in Raleigh and Carrboro, and provides prevention, counseling, and testing services throughout the Triangle. Last year, the AIDS Alliance served over 1000 persons living with HIV/AIDS in Wake, Durham, and Orange Counties, and provided HIV and STD prevention and education programming and services to over 1500 other persons.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST MUSICIANS—The Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church in Henderson, NC, directed by Mark L. Hopper, have given concerts and taken part in major handbell festivals across the US. The seventh- through twelfth-graders who make up the group have many years of experience and training in handbell ringing. They ring three sets of handbells and two sets of handchimes. The collection totals 150 bells and 76 chimes, and is among the largest collections in the country. The Bell Ringers are a part of the music ministry of First Baptist Church, which includes five singing choirs, four handbell choirs, and an instrumental ensemble.

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP—Tonight’s Sunday Night Worship is at 5:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel. Duke junior Daniel Devougus will be the guest preacher.

STUDENT PREACHER SUNDAY—Sunday, February 24, 2008, 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. The submission deadline is noon on Friday, January 18, 2008.

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT DUKE CHAPEL—Morning prayer will be held December 3-7 at 8:15 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel. A service of Communion and Healing will be held on Tuesday, December 4, at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel. Choral Vespers will take place in the chancel on December 6 at 5:30 p.m. This will be the last week for these worship opportunities until the spring semester begins on January 9.

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 website: www.chapel.duke.edu.
CHORAL VESPERS
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Thursday, December 6, 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.

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. in Goodson Chapel, the Chapel’s Sunday Night Worship service 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 follow the service in the Divinity School’s Alumni Memorial Commons Room.

Messiah

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. the Duke Chapel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform Handel’s Messiah for the final time this year. This year’s Messiah features a new choir configuration in 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
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Graduate Student and Young Adult Luncheon Today**—The last fellowship event for the semester will be held after church today in the Chapel basement immediately following worship. Come and enjoy the good food and fellowship and get energized to tackle those end-of-semester projects and exams.

**Second Sunday Coffee Hour**—Please join the Congregation for a time of food and fellowship on Sunday, December 9, at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel basement lounge. All are welcome.

**Adult Forum**—There will be no Adult Forum on December 9 to accommodate the Congregation’s Second Sunday Coffee hour. On December 16, the Rev. Dr. Richard Hays, New Testament scholar, will speak on “The Christmas Story: Challenge to the Empire?” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m. All are invited.

**Living Nativity**—The children and youth of The Congregation at Duke University Chapel invite you to attend the annual performance of “A Living Nativity” December 16 at 3:00 p.m. Please join in celebrating the birth of Jesus in a special outdoor setting at the Clark Farm in Bahama. For directions, see the bulletin board beside the Congregation office, Room 031 in the Chapel basement.

**Youth Ministry**—Sunday school classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. For more information, contact McKennon Shea, Youth Director, at mckennon@mckennon.net or 870-818-5604.

**Children’s Ministry**—Godly Play, a Christian education and spiritual direction program for children ages 2-11, meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel Crypt. For more information, contact Elizabeth Clift at elizabeth.clift@gmail.com.

**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.

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CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING
SPONSORED BY THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE CHAPEL

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY CARD SALE AND LIVING GIFT MARKET

Heifer International works to end hunger and care for the earth by providing life-sustaining farm animals, education, and support to impoverished families around the world. The children and youth of the Congregation are sponsoring a holiday card sale and Living Gift Market to benefit Heifer International. Animals may be purchased in honor of friends or family as an alternative gift for the holiday season. From now through December 9, look for the Heifer International table outside the front entrance of the Chapel following worship. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS—Please help sponsor a local child or adult in need by providing them with a new gift this Christmas. A bulletin board will be located in the narthex after worship today. Angel cards will be posted there, each of which represents an individual available for sponsorship. Please consider picking an individual or family to sponsor, and then either turn in the gifts to the Congregation office in the Chapel basement (Room 031), or leave them in the back pew of the Chapel after Sunday worship. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 9. Please contact Dave Allen at dja4@duke.edu for more information.

BETHLEHEM IMPORTS

The Congregation is sponsoring the sale of Bethlehem Imports products: beautiful hand-carved olive wood ornaments, nativity sets, figurines, crucifixes, and more, imported directly from Bethlehem. All proceeds go to support economically struggling Christian Palestinian artisans and local mission organizations. Sales will be held after worship today and December 9.
Christmas Eve Services

Duke University Chapel

DECEMBER 24, 2007

3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service for Children
Join the children of the Congregation for this highly participatory worship service including drama and music in which children and storytellers together announce the birth of Christ.

5:30 p.m.
Service of Carols and Holy Communion
This evening service includes Christmas carols and Holy Communion, the Durham Children’s Choir and a sermon from Dean Sam Wells. A maximum of 1650 persons will be admitted, so please plan to arrive early.

11:00 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols
Traditional Lessons and Carols service with a large community choir, scripture and song. Prelude begins at 10:30. A maximum of 1650 persons will be admitted, so please plan to arrive early.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT DUKE CHAPEL

DECEMBER 8 at 8:00 p.m. and DECEMBER 9 at 4:00 p.m.
Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concert
including a newly commissioned work by composer Steven Sametz in honor of Rodney Wynkoop’s 20th anniversary as conductor of the Choral Society.
$15 adults, free for full-time students

DECEMBER 20 ~ 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Duke Chapel by Candlelight
Enjoy the beauty of the Chapel by candlelight, and enjoy seasonal organ and carillon music.

DECEMBER 19 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Open Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Community Choir
All singers welcome
SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE DUKE CHAPEL STAFF

CHAPEL HOSTESS AND STAFF NEWS—The Chapel is pleased to welcome Layne Baker as the new Chapel Hostess effective December 14. Layne brings expertise in guest relations, a long history with and love for the Chapel and Congregation, and a wealth of knowledge about the University and its operations. Layne’s appointment will release Mollie Keel, who has covered the hostess desk for years, to give more time to event coordination. Meanwhile Meghan Feldmeyer will be promoted to Director of Chapel Worship effective January 1. In this role Meghan will have increased oversight of all worship services and events at the Chapel.

FAREWELL TO JACKIE—Duke Chapel bids a fond and grateful farewell to Jackie Andrews this month. Jackie has served the University faithfully for 41 years and the Chapel for 31 years. Most of Jackie’s years at the Chapel have been spent as staff assistant to Deans Young, Willimon and Wells, and almost everyone who has interacted with them has come to know and respect Jackie’s courteous, thorough, and unfailingly efficient response and service. Jackie’s last day at work will be December 13. Not only the Chapel staff but the whole Chapel community will miss her. We wish her well.