A new world is coming. The scripture lessons for today carry a theme of promise and hope. The words of Isaiah speak tender words of comfort along with hope and promise that the Israelites’ time of suffering is over, and a new day is coming. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill made low. The second letter to Peter emphasizes God’s enduring patience and his earnest desire that all come to repentance. Luke’s gospel focuses on love of enemies, a hopeful mark of the coming new world. In Advent, we remember that all our waiting, yearning, and hoping for God is met by God’s waiting, yearning, and hoping for us.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

HANDBELL PRELUDE
The Boar’s Head Carol
Traditional English
arr. Jason W. Krug
(b. 1988)

In the Bleak Midwinter (crantham)
Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Advent Triptych
I. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (picardy)
II. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (hyfrydol)
III. Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming (es ist ein ros)

Carol of the Bells
Mykola Leontovich
(1877-1921)
arr. Hart Morris

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*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 word is proclaimed in our midst, purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 40:1-11 (OT page 627 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Savior of the Nations, Come

nun komm, Der heiden heiland

arr. Cathy Moklebust
(b. 1958)

New Testament Lesson—2 Peter 3:8-15a (NT page 224)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 209 (stanza 1)
Blessed Be the God of Israel
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 209 (stanzas 2-3)
Blessed Be the God of Israel

Sermon—Loving Enemies: Is It Possible for Ordinary People?

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
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Psalm 42) FRED DICH SEHR
arr. Kevin McChesney

*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 in the University for the Duke School of Nursing.
We celebrate its commitment to excellence in nursing sciences, clinical care
and research, and its desire to touch lives and offer transforming care to those
suffering from illness and disease. A representative brings a world map to the
altar, to represent the School of Nursing’s influence that has stretched to many
countries and in service to many families throughout the globe.

In Durham, we remember those who are learning to use technology for
strengthening communities. The ushers bring forward a computer mouse.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 203
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed ELLACOMBE

ORGAN POSTLUDE
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699 Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Chaconne in G Minor Louis Couperin
(1626-1661)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
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The Bell Ringers of The First Baptist Church, Henderson, NC
Mr. Mark Hopper, director

Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Jeff Harrison

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER

Today we welcome Sister Helen Prejean as our Sterly and Pelham Wilder, Jr., Distinguished Guest Preacher. Sr. Helen joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille in 1957 (now know as the Congregation of St. Joseph) and received a B.A. in English and Education from St. Mary’s Dominican College in New Orleans. She has an M.A. in Religious Education from St. Paul’s University in Ottawa, Canada. She has been the Religious Education Director at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in New Orleans, the Formation Director for her religious community, and she been a junior and senior high school teacher. Sister Helen is a longtime social activist, ministering to people on death row. She became active in prison ministry in 1981, and subsequently turned her experiences into a book, Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States, which was an international best seller and was nominated for a 1993 Pulitzer Prize. In 1996, the book was made into an Oscar-nominated film. She has appeared in many national and international broadcasts, including 60 Minutes, The Today Show, and Frontline.

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 Chapel Endowment, established by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans in loving memory of Elizabeth Gotham.

**Today’s Offering**—Today’s Mission of the Month is Share the Warmth, which provides financial assistance for heating bills for low income families within the Duke Energy service area. Funding comes from Duke Energy customers as well as from the Duke Energy Foundation and Duke Energy’s revenue sharing program. The Foundation matches up to $500,000 in annual contributions from individuals. Durham County Social Services is the partner agency distributing funding locally. Since the program was established in 1985, it has provided over $28 million in heating assistance. Please give generously.

**About Today’s Guest Musicians**—The Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church in Henderson, NC, 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 bell collection 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.

**Duke Chorale Christmas Concert**—Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. Carols, choral music, and readings for the whole family. Admission: one non-perishable food item for the needy of Durham. Carillon and organ music at 6:30 p.m.

**Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concerts**—Saturday, December 10, 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 11, 4:00 p.m. German carols and Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio*, with orchestra and soloists. Tickets available at the University Box Office and at the door.

**Duke Chapel Events Listserv**—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, talks, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar, or send an email to Kelsey Hallatt at kelsey.hallatt@duke.edu.

**Messiah**

The Duke Chapel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform Handel’s *Messiah* today at 3:00 p.m., in Duke Chapel. 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](http://www.tickets.duke.edu)
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christmas Brunch**—Come join the festivities on Sunday, December 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement kitchen for a Christmas Brunch and caroling courtesy of the Adult Forum and the Fellowship committee. The brunch will include fabulous food, seasonal songs, and poetry. Please feel free to bring a brunch dish to share.

**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.

**Congregation Cookbook**—The Congregation’s cookbook, *Come to the Table*, which was produced in celebration of the Congregation’s 25th anniversary, will be available for $15 at the desk in the narthex following worship. Limited quantities are available for purchase through December 18. The book contains recipes, prayers, photographs, and essays on food and theology. Contact Deborah Hackney at 919-724-6785 or deb.hackney@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**Gift Cards for IHN**—The Local Missions Committee is asking for donations of meals in the form of gift cards for the families supported by the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Consider donations of meals in the form of gift cards from Visa or MasterCard in small amounts to be used for any of the grocery stores and restaurants in the Durham area. The gift cards will be collected in the narthex following worship on December 11 and 18. Please include the value of the card donation.

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**Choral Vespers Service of Lessons and Carols**

This Thursday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m., the Vespers Ensemble will lead an Advent service of Lessons and Carols in the Chapel nave. This 45-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.
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.

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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