A new world is coming. The scripture lessons for today each carry a theme of promise and hope. In Isaiah a healthy shoot emerges from the people who were devastated, and there is hope of a new ruler to come. In his letter to the Romans, Paul gives hope to the Gentiles, who will be grafted into God’s covenant people through Christ. Matthew’s gospel reveals the radical message of John the Baptist, who calls people to repentance and offers baptism as a sign of cleansing and new life.
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

HANDBELL AND ORGAN PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

arr. Larry Shackley and Arnold Sherman

Shades of forest green

English Carol

arr. Timothy Waugh

Fum, Fum, Fum

Catalan Carol

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

arr. Anna Laura Page

Kum Ba Yah

Spiritual

arr. John Wilson

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

German Carol

arr. Michael Kastner and Kevin McChesney

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

(Savior of the Nations, Come)

Dietrich Buxtehude

(c. 1637-1707)

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.)
**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 11:1-10 (OT page 602 in the pew Bible)**

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

**Handbell Anthem**

Carillon for Advent  
Veni Emmanuel/Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland  
arr. H. Dean Wagner  
(b. 1961)

**New Testament Lesson—Romans 15:4-13 (NT page 153)**

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

*Gradual Hymn 216 (stanzas 1-3)*

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming  
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 3:1-12 (NT page 2)*

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

*Gradual Hymn 216 (stanzas 2-3)*

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming  
(ES IST EIN ROS)

**Sermon—The Poem: Subversion and Summons**

**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.
MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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.”)

HANDBELL OFFERTORY
   Gesu Bambino                                            Pietro A. Yon
                                                           (1886-1943)
                                                           arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis

*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 Duke Human Resources and its management of
   employee recruitment, benefits, policies, and the training for both the University and
   Health System. The ushers bring a Duke employee benefits manual to the altar.

   In Durham, we give thanks for and lift up the many health ministries who work
   locally and globally to provide medical care and attention to those in need. The
   ushers bring a gauze bandage to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 213
   Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates                          Truro

ORGAN POSTLUDE
   Chaconne in G Minor                                          Louis Couperin
                                                             (1626-1661)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers  The Rev. Keith Daniel  The Rev. Samuel Wells

Preacher  The Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann  Professor Emeritus of Old Testament,  Columbia Theological Seminary

Lectors  Ms. Elizabeth Lester  Trinity ’14; Member of the Chapel Choir  Mr. Mark Kagika  Pratt ’13, Member of the Chapel Choir

Organist  Dr. Robert Parkins

Guest Musicians  The Bell Ringers of The First Baptist Church, Henderson, NC  Mr. Mark Hopper, director  Ms. Cassidy Tucker, solo ringer

Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion  The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Head Ushers  Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER
Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann as the Pelham Wilder distinguished guest preacher. Dr. Brueggemann is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He is widely regarded as the most influential contemporary scholar interpreting the Old Testament in the life of the church. He is the author of many books on the Old Testament, theology, Christian education, and preaching. His works include Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church; An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination; The Prophetic Imagination; and commentaries on Genesis, Deuteronomy, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Isaiah, and Jeremiah.

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 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Crossing
**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**—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 7, 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 11, 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 12, 4:00 p.m. French carols and Saint-Saëns *Christmas Oratorio*, with orchestra and soloists. Tickets available at the University Box Office and at the door.

**Student Preacher Sunday**—Sunday, March 27, 2011, 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 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2011.

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

Second Sunday Coffee Hour—You are invited to join congregation members in the Chapel basement next Sunday, December 12, at 9:45 a.m., for a time of conversation and fellowship. There is no Adult Forum next week.

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 gift cards from Target, Harris Teeter, Food Lion, KMart, McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Taco Bell, or Golden Corral. The gift cards will be collected in the narthex following worship on December 12 and 19. Please include the value of the card donation.

Share Your Holidays—The Local Missions Team of the Congregation is extending its 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. Any gifts purchased for people taken from the board today should be returned to the Chapel by Sunday, December 19.

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.

Young Adult/Professionals Christmas Potluck—The young-ish adults from the Congregation will be having a Christmas potluck on Saturday, December 11 at 5 p.m. All are welcome. If you plan to attend and bring a dish, please RSVP to Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.
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 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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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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