Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. The scripture passages this morning from Malachi and Luke both emphasize repentance. In Malachi, the Lord is likened to a refiner’s fire, purifying and transforming the people of Israel to ready them to encounter God. Luke’s gospel tells of John the Baptist preaching repentance in the wilderness and calling people to “prepare the way of the Lord!” The liturgical color of Advent is purple, which denotes penitence, a suitable mode for preparation to meet God.
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 also 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

Prelude on faithfulness
William Runyan
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
English Carol
arr. Valerie Stephenson

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Edmund Sears
arr. Arnold Sherman

Prelude on Tempest adest floridum
English Carol
arr. Kevin McChesney

Meditation on schöner herr jesu
Silesian Folk Tune
arr. Cathy Moklebust

Meditation on greensleeves
English Folk Tune
arr. Ken Hayes and Frank Butler

GREETING

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

*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**—Malachi 3:1-4 *(OT page 838 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Musical Offering**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *(jefferson)*  Southern Harmony

arr. Cathy Moklebust

**New Testament Lesson**—Philippians 1:3-11 *(NT page 185)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 203 (stanzas 1-2)*

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson*—Luke 3:1-6 *(NT page 56)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 203 (stanzas 3-4)*

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

**Sermon**—Community of the Heart

**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.”)

Offertory Anthem
Riu, Riu, Chiu
Spanish Carol
arr. Cathy Moklebust

*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 Philosophy. We celebrate its reasoned reflection on the soundness of and interconnections among various kinds of thinking. We recognize the way philosophers have enriched faith and also posed serious questions to particular aspects of belief and to belief itself. The ushers bring forward a copy of Plato’s Republic to the altar.

In Durham, we give thanks for those with mental and those with physical disabilities, and those who accompany them along their way. Congregation member Gabriel Tempest brings forward a piece of his artwork.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 214
  Savior of the Nations, Come  NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
  Louis Couperin
  (1626-1661)

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

Carillon
*All who are able may stand.

This Week at Duke Chapel
Morning Prayer - Monday at 9:00 a.m.
Choral Vespers - Choral Vespers will return on January 14, 2010
Communion - The communion service will return on January 19, 2010
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. L. Gregory Jones
Dean and Professor of Theology at Duke University Divinity School

Lectors
Ms. Annelise Mesler
Pratt ’12, Member of the Chapel Choir
Mr. William Payne
Trinity ’10, 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. Ciara Edwards, solo ringer
Mr. Dennis Easler, guitarist

Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. L. Gregory Jones as our guest preacher. Dr. Jones is Dean and Professor of Theology at Duke University Divinity School. A noted scholar, teacher, and church leader, he is the author or editor of thirteen books, including *Embodying Forgiveness* and, most recently, *Everyday Matters: Intersections of Life and Faith* and the co-authored *Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry*. He writes a regular column for *The Christian Century*, for which he is also an editor-at-large. Since 2007 he has served as President and CEO of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity (LEADD). He also writes a regular column for LEADD’s web magazine, “Faith & Leadership.” He and his wife, the Rev. Susan Pendleton Jones, have three children: Nate (a first-year Duke Divinity student), Ben (a Duke sophomore), and Sarah.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for the worship service today are given for the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING—The December Mission of the Month is the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina that provides food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 880 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, after-school and other programs for children and adults. It distributed more than 37 million pounds of food and non-food essentials last year. For each $1.00 you donate, 97 cents goes directly to feed the hungry. For more information about The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, visit www.foodbankcenc.org.

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.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SECOND SUNDAY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH—Congregation members and friends are invited to attend the annual Christmas Brunch which will be held in the Chapel basement kitchen at 9:45 a.m. next Sunday. If you are able to donate food, please contact Mary Ann at office@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.

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 next week.

BETHLEHEM IMPORTS—The World Missions committee will be selling goods from Bethlehem Imports in front of Duke Chapel following worship through next Sunday. 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.

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 or contact John Boswell at john.boswell@sas.com. No experience is required.
**Christmas Eve Services at Duke Chapel**

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

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 to all services, so please plan to arrive early.

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**Upcoming Events at Duke Chapel**

**Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m.**
and **Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.**
**Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concert**
Rodney Wynkoop, conductor
**Geoffrey Bush’s Christmas Cantata and English Carols.**
Tickets can be purchased at www.choral-society.org

**Thursday, December 17 ~ 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.*

**Wednesday, December 23 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
**Open Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Community Choir**
All singers welcome

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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. 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
**FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS**

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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.

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