In the third week of Advent, God’s promises of new life echo through the scriptures. In Isaiah, a new age is dawning—an age characterized by fertility of the land, the return of the exiles, and healing and safety for those who obey God. In Matthew, John sends a message from prison and prods Jesus about his identity—is he the Messiah? In response, Jesus points to all those who are being restored to wholeness as they respond to the urgent call of God.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**Gathering**

**Carillon**

**Choral Prelude**
- My Heart Soars  
  Ruth Watson Henderson  
  (b. 1932)
- He Came Down  
  Nancy Grundahl  
  (b. 1946)
- Personent Hodie  
  German Melody, 1360  
  arr. John Rutter  
  (b. 1945)
- Alleluia  
  Charles Callahan  
  (b. 1951)

**Greeting**

*Procesional Hymn 203*  
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed  
*Ellacombe*

*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)**
God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: prepare us now as we hear your word; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 35:1-10**  
*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.)*

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 11:2-11*  
*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  
*Merle’s Tune*

**Sermon—It’s Working**

**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**
What Child  
16th Century English Folksong  
arr. Paul W. Lohman

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!  
Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here. The silent word is pleasing.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Hail, hail the word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!  
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come, peasant, king to own him.  
The Kings of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

*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 the Religious Studies Department, whose work in educating students about the religious lives of cultures near and far enables a greater understanding of our world, while also nurturing appreciation and respect for those who worship differently. The ushers bring a small globe 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.

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Musical setting D, found on page 23 in 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. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. 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 206 (sung by all)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Communion Anthem
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
(“How lovely shines the morning star”)

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern,
Voll Gnade und Wahrheit von dem Herrn,
Die süße Wurzel Jesse!
Du Sohn David zu Jakobs Stamm,
Mein König und mein Bräutigam,
Hast mir dein Herz besessen,
Lieblich, freundlich,
Schön und herrlich, groß und ehrlich,
Reich von Gaben,
Hoch und sehr prächtig erhoben!

How brightly shines yon morning star,
God’s grace and truth full beaming far,
The offspring sweet of Jesse,
Great David’s son of Jacob’s line, of Jacob’s line,
The king and bride-groom

He is mine. Come take my heart’s possession
Gracious, beauteous, fair and glorious
All victorious, no-where faulted
Highly, in splendor, exalted.

*Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 202
People, Look East

Organ Postlude
Fugue and Finale on Besançon

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

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Trinity ’11

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Dr. David Arcus

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Dr. Fran Page and Mr. Jeremy Tucker, Conductors
Ms. Brenda Fernandez, Accompanist

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The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer
The Rev. Kori Jones

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Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

This Week at Duke Chapel

Morning Prayer - Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel

Communion and Healing - The Tuesday service will return on January 18, 2011

Choral Vespers - The Thursday service will return on January 13, 2011
**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 human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**About Today’s Guest Musicians**—Cantabile Singers is the advanced choir of the Capital City Girls Choir, a vocal and music training program for girls from Raleigh and the surrounding communities. CCGC is associated with the community outreach program of the School of Music at Meredith College. The choir has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and Canada.

**Choral Society of Durham Christmas Concert**—Today at 4:00 p.m. the Choral Society of Durham will offer their Christmas Concert, including 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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**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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**The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.**

**Adult Forum**—On Sunday, December 19, the Rev. Bruce Puckett and other mission trip participants will discuss their summer mission trip to Haiti. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**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, K-Mart, 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.

**Heifer International**—Today is the last day the children and youth of the Congregation are raising money to benefit Heifer International to help alleviate world hunger. 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 the service today.

**Living Nativity**—On Sunday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m., the children of the Congregation will bring the Christmas story to life through drama and music. Put aside the holiday rush for an afternoon, and join other families at the home of Joe and Geraldine Coates to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. The Coates’ address is 1311 Lawrence Road, Hillsborough, NC. For more information, contact Sonja Tilley at 684-3917 or shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.

**IHN Week**—The Congregation will start the New Year assisting Antioch Baptist in hosting homeless families through Interfaith Hospitality Network during the week of January 2-9. If you are interested in learning more about this community outreach opportunity, please contact Marilyn Christian at 361-1974 or mchristian2@nc.rr.com.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT DUKE CHAPEL**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 ~ 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 22 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Open Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Community Choir

All singers welcome
Duke University Chapel

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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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