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. James encourages his readers to be patient for the coming of God, who is soon to break into creation. 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.
FOR WORSHIPPERS & 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.

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, contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

Prelude

I Saw Three Ships                     arr. Douglas Major
All My Heart, This Night Rejoices    Johann Ebeling
                                      (1636-1676)
                                      arr. Dale Grotenhuis
Sing Lullaby! Lullaby Baby            arr. Edgar Pettman
O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort   Johann Wolfgang Franck
                                      (1618-1677)
                                      arr. Carl Stein
Evening Prayer (from Hansel and Gretel)  Engelbert Humperdinck
                                      (1854-1921)
Ave Maria                               Bach-Gounod

INTROIT

Adam Lay Ybounden                     Peter Warlock
                                      (1894-1930)
Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple,
And apple that he took,
As clerkês finden
Written in their book.
Ne had one apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
A been heaven’s queen.
Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gratias!

**GREETING**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57**
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 

**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)**
*God for whom we watch and wait, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: as we hear your word today, grant that we, as stewards of your mysteries, may likewise so prepare and make ready your way: with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 35:1-10 (page 623 in the pew Bible)**
*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**
*I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me*  
Charles Hubert H. Parry  
(1848-1918)

*I was glad when they said unto me,*
*We will go into the house of the Lord.*
*Our feet shall stand in thy gate, O Jerusalem.*
*Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.*
*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,*
*They shall prosper and love thee.*
*Peace be within thy walls,*
*And plenteousness within thy palaces.*  
—*Psalm 122:1-2*
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—James 5:7-10 (page 217)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 209 (stanzas 1-2)
Blessed Be the God of Israel
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 11:2-11 (page 10)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 209 (stanza 3)
Blessed Be the God of Israel

SERMON—A Case of Mistaken Identity

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.

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
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone,
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Amen.

*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 Duke Board of Trustees - for its stewardship of the University’s life in ways that support and sustain the University while modeling a culture of excellence. A representative brings Duke seal to the altar.

In Durham we lift up those who live with mental illness and the organizations and people who seek to walk with them. A representative brings a flower to the altar.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 202
People, Look East

*Choral Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue and Finale on Besançon

*Carillon Music

*All who are able may stand.
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North Carolina Boys Choir
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Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 offering will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program that offers undergraduates and recent graduates varied opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives. Our extended Lilly grant requires a 50% match from the Chapel.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR—The North Carolina Boys Choir, directed by Mr. William Graham and Mr. Scott Mann, will present a Christmas concert in Duke Chapel tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The Choir, now in its 36th season, first sang in Duke Chapel 32 years ago on Christmas Day 1975. For tickets, visit www.ncboyschoir.org, or call 489-0291.

SING WITH THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR—If you would like to sing in the community choir for the Chapel’s 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols, please plan to attend the two rehearsals on December 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and December 24 at 9:00 p.m. in the chancel. All singers welcome.

BROADCASTS—Thanks to the Friends of Duke Chapel, the Sunday service is broadcast live every week over AM 620 WDNC and one week later on Raleigh station AM 570 WDOX and Franklin County station AM 1480 WYRN at 10:00 a.m. The service is also available on the web via streaming video at www.chapel.duke.edu. The service is broadcast live on patient TV channel 50 in Duke Hospital.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**ADULT FORUM**—The Adult Forum will not meet on December 23 or December 30. It will return on Sunday, January 6, with a reflection by the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark, pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

**LIVING NATIVITY**—The children and youth of The Congregation at Duke University Chapel invite you to attend the annual performance of “A Living Nativity,” today 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.

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**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.