Today’s scripture lessons focus on the anticipation and surprise of the Advent season. The reading from Micah reveals that the small town of Bethlehem will be the birthplace of a faithful and righteous ruler. Luke tells the story of Mary and Elizabeth, each of whom come to know the surprising ways of God. Elizabeth, long barren, conceives John the Baptist, as foretold by the angel Gabriel. Mary visits Elizabeth after her own encounter with Gabriel and the news of her own unexpected pregnancy, and the women rejoice and marvel at the mysterious work of God.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE


All My Heart This Night Rejoices Johann Ebeling (1636-1676)

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Basque Carol arr. Edgar Pettman (1866-1943)

In the Bleak Midwinter Harold Darke (1888-1976)

This Christmastide Donald Fraser (b. 1947)

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, an apple that he took,
As clerkès vinden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady a been heavenè queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 244

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime JESOUS AHATONHIA

*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.

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.
Christ 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)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait to hear your word;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Micah 5:2-5a (OT page 815 in the pew Bible)

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

Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Henry G. Ley

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.

New Testament Lesson—Hebrews 10:5-10 (NT page 210)

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

*Gradual Hymn 200 (stanzas 1-2)

Tell Out, My Soul

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)


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

*Gradual Hymn (stanzas 3-4)

Tell Out, My Soul
SERMON—Does She Mean Us?

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.

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

Arise, Shine

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen
upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross
darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his
glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy
light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes
round about, and see; all they gather themselves together, they
come to thee; thy sons shall come from far and thy daughters shall
be nursed at thy side. The sun shall be no more thy light by day;
neither brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord
shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Arise,
shine; for the light is come.

*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 Clinical Research Institute. As the
world’s largest academic research organization, the faculty and staff of the DCRI
are committed to improving patient care throughout the world by conducting
clinical research trials that have an impact in many fields including medicine, biotechnology, and pharmacology. A representative brings a poster that describes the mission of DCRI 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, in unison)

**SENDING FORTH**

*Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn 218*

It Came upon a Midnight Clear  

**CAROL**

**Choral Blessing**

A Gaelic Blessing  

Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour out their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.

**Postlude**

Gloria from Magnificat *(Fifteen Pieces, Op. 18)*  

Marcel Dupré  

(1886-1971)

**Carillon**

*All who are able may stand.*

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The Rev. Abby Kocher

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The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

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The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

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Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

Carillonneur  

Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
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.

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. The wreaths on either side of the front entrance to the Chapel and the interior decorations are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Christmas season by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks 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, which had its beginning as the Durham Boys Choir 37 years ago at the First Presbyterian Church, first began singing at the Chapel in 1975 on Christmas Day. The choir has toured the United States, Canada, Scotland, Wales, and England. Choristers in the choir range in age from fourth grade through college and beyond. They will present their annual Christmas Concert in Duke Chapel tomorrow evening, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 489-0291 or visit www.ncboyschoir.org.

Sermons Available—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on our website, www.chapel.duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Classes Canceled for December 27**—The children’s and youth classes of the Congregation will be canceled on Sunday, December 27. Their usual 9:45 a.m. classes will resume on January 3. Adult Forum will not meet again until January 17, 2010.

**Living Nativity**—The children and youth of the Congregation at Duke Chapel invite you to attend the annual performance of “A Living Nativity” today at 3:00 p.m. Please join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus in a special outdoor setting at the Clark Farm in Bahama. In case of inclement weather, we will gather at the Wells’ home. For directions, please see the bulletin board beside the Congregation office, Room 031 in the Chapel basement.

**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. While students are away for winter break, there is an even greater need for volunteers in order to complete the house in January. 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.

**Open Table Ministries**—The Congregation is looking for individuals who are interested in helping Lisa Lark in her ministry to homeless people on Ninth Street. This ministry provides a meal on Tuesdays each week at 4 p.m. If you are interested in visiting, occasionally bringing food, or serving in any other way, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or at 684-3917.

**Stephen Ministry**—Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one confidential care-giving to individuals in crisis. To receive care from a Stephen Minister, to make a referral for someone else, or to find out how to become trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark.

**Prayer Ministry**—The Duke Chapel prayer ministry team is available to pray for you. If you have a concern for which you would like prayer offered, or if you would like to pray for others, please send an email with your request to chapel-prayers@duke.edu. You may also place your prayer request or your prayer for others in the prayer box by the Memorial Chapel. All submissions are confidential.
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, contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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