The scripture lessons for the first Sunday of Christmas open with the phrase “I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord”—a fitting passage to acknowledge God’s overflowing kindness in the gift of his son Jesus. The author of Hebrews points to the ways in which Jesus identifies with us in our humanity. In the words of early church theologian Irenaeus, “He became what we are, that we might become what he is.” The lesson from Matthew shows that Jesus’ suffering began early in his life. As King Herod sought to kill the children of Israel, Jesus became a child refugee and his family was forced from their homeland out of fear.
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

HARP PRELUDE
Prelude in C/Ave Maria
   Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
   arr. Charles Gounod

Interlude from Ceremony of Carols
   Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
   Rowland Pritchard (1811-1887)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 250
Once in Royal David’s City

*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 in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
   as we hear your word this morning,
   gather the nations to be one family,
   and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Psalm 148 *(OT page 550 in the pew Bible)*

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

**HARP ANTHEM**

Variations sur un vieux Noel  
Marcel Samuel-Rousseau (1882-1955)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**—Hebrews 2:10-18 *(NT page 205)*

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 219 (stanzas 2-3)*

What Child Is This  
*Greensleeves*

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

**Gospel Lesson**—Matthew 2:13-23 *(NT page 2)*

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

**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.

**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
Concert Variations on Adeste Fideles
Carlos Salzedo (1885-1961)

*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 246
Joy to the World

Organ Postlude
Improvisation on Antioch and John Gardner’s Dancing Day

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

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CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—The Advent wreath is 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 of 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 for the Chapel Development Fund, which is the primary source of contributed funds for building care and preservation. The Chapel fulfills James B. Duke’s desire that the building exert a profound influence on the lives of the young women and men who attend the university.

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

ADULT FORUM—Adult Forum will meet next on January 16, 2011. The forum regularly meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School.

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

CONGREGATION COOKBOOK—The Congregation’s cookbook, Come to the Table, which was produced in celebration of the Congregation’s 25th anniversary, will be available for $15. The book contains recipes, graces, photographs, and essays on food and theology. Contact Kate DeAlmeida at 401-3596 or at thedealmeidas@aol.com if you have any questions.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY—Godly Play meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Children entering second grade or younger meet in the crypt. Those in the third to fifth grades meet in the York Reading Room on the second floor of Duke Divinity School. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu.

YOUTH MINISTRY—There will be no youth group tonight. Sunday school classes for youth (grades 6-12) are usually held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. For more information, contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or 564-6993.
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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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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, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu.

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