



DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2009
Eleven o'clock in the morning

∞ *Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God* ∞



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In the third week of Advent, God's promises of new life and healing echo through the scriptures. The prophet Zephaniah speaks words of joy, reminding the people of Isreal that God is in their midst, promising them salvation and flourishing. The gospel lesson in Luke describes John the Baptist exhorting people to "bear fruits worthy of repentance," while also promising that someone more powerful than he is coming to bring about the kingdom of God. A new day is dawning, and there is cause for rejoicing.

*The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

Durme, Durme

Jewish Folk Song
arr. Alice Parker

There Is No Rose

Z. Randall Stroope
(b. 1953)

Personent Hodie

Piae Cantiones, 1582
arr. John Rutter
(b. 1954)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

*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—Zephaniah 3:14-20

(OT pages 826-27 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (*stanza 1 of insert*)
Comfort, Comfort Now My People
(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

GENEVA 42

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 3:7-18 (*NT page 56*)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN (*stanzas 2-3 of insert*)
Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVA 42

SERMON—God's Joy

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 ANTHEM

Hodie Christus natus est

Taras Nahiriak
(b. 1963)

*Hodie Christus natus est; hodie Salvator apparuit.
Angeli laetantur archangeli,
Hodie in terra canunt angeli.
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Today Christ is born; Today the Savior has appeared;
Today angels sing on earth and Archangels are rejoicing.
Today the righteous repeat with exultation;
Glory to God in the highest.

*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

This morning we give thanks in the University for the Duke School of Nursing. We celebrate its commitment to excellence in nursing sciences, clinical care and research, and its desire to touch lives and offer transforming care to those suffering from illness and disease. A representative brings a world map to the altar, to represent the School of Nursing's influence that has stretched to many countries and in service to many families throughout the globe.

In Durham, we lift up all who are creating homes of hospitality for those living with HIV/AIDS. A representative brings forward a red ribbon.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

VENI EMMANUEL

(The congregation will stand and sing the text in bold type.)

The Lord our God is with us, lift up your hearts and voices high;
Let us unto the Lord give thanks in all the world and at all times:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

All glory be to you, O God, as we await your Advent here.

We praise the gift of your own son, foretold by prophets from of old.

We thank you that you sent to us your only son, our Savior, our friend,
Who served the world and gave his life that all who love him die to sin.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Our Lord, the night he was betrayed by his disciples, took the bread;
He blessed and broke it as he said, "This is my body, broken for you."

He took the cup when all had supped, he gave you thanks,
and giving said, "This cup drink in remembrance of me;
this is my blood pour'd out for you."

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

When we partake this holy bread, when we this holy wine do drink,
We sense anew his presence here, and we await his victory.

The mystery of faith we proclaim:

proclaim that Christ the Lord has died.

He rose the third day from the grave, ascended, and will come again.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Accept our sacrifice of praise as we surrender of ourselves.

Send down, O God, your Holy Ghost upon us and upon our gifts.

Empow'r us through this bread and wine

to know the presence of our Lord;

To make us one with him today and one with humankind, we pray.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

*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. 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 216 (*sung by all*)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol

Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow,
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing the Christ child is born.*

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger;
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay,
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation;
A child with his mother that first Christmas day.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 202

People, Look East

BESANÇON

POSTLUDE

Fugue and Finale on BESANÇON

David Arcus
(b.1959)

CARILLON

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells
Preacher	The Rev. Abby Kocher
Lectors	Mr. Phil Radabaugh <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Ms. Tamela Davis <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Organist	Dr. David Arcus
Guest Choir	The Cantabile Singers of Capital City Girls Choir, Raleigh, NC Dr. Fran Page, conductor Ms. Hillary Goodson, student conductor Mr. Nathan Honaker, oboe
Ministers of Anointing	The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer The Rev. Bruce Puckett The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells
Head Ushers	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.

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.

STUDENT PREACHER SUNDAY—Sunday, February 7, 2010, 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 noon on Friday, January 8, 2010.

CHRIST IN THE DESERT SPRING BREAK TRIP—The Duke Chapel PathWays program is sponsoring a trip for undergraduates to the Christ in the Desert Monastery in the mountains of New Mexico from March 6-13, led by the Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer. Students will spend their spring break immersed in the rhythms of prayer, rest, and work that shape the monastic life. Find applications at www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways. The application deadline is January 22, 2010.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT DUKE CHAPEL

TODAY 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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



"Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So
For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert
Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er



says our God. _____ Com - fort those who sit in
far and near, _____ call - ing us to true re -
plac - es plain. _____ Let your hearts be true and



dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load. _____
pen - tance, since the reign of God is here. _____
hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign. _____



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim _____ that God's par - don
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! _____ Now pre - pare for
For the glo - ry of the Lord _____ now on earth is



waits for them! _____ Tell them that their war is o - ver;
God a - way. _____ Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior;
shed a - broad, _____ and all flesh shall see the to - ken



God will reign in peace for - ev - er. _____
hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor. _____
that God's word is nev - er bro - ken. _____

THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

ADULT FORUM—The speaker for next week's Adult Forum is the Rev. Abby Kocher, Community Minister at Duke Chapel, who will offer some farewell reflections as she gets ready to move to Virginia later in the month. The class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 0012 Westbrook.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS—Today is the last day to pick up an Angel from our Project Share Angel Board. If you are interested in giving in this way, stop by the board in the narthex on your way out of the Chapel.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL—Today is the last day 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 the service today.

BETHLEHEM IMPORTS—Today is the last day to purchase olivewood carvings from Bethlehem Imports. 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.

LIVING NATIVITY—The children and youth of the Congregation at Duke Chapel invite you to attend the annual performance of "A Living Nativity," on Sunday, December 20, 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.



DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

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

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