
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
504 West Chapel Hill Street • Durham, North Carolina • 27701

In mission where life is broken. † In celebration where life is whole.

Service of the Word
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2002

TOWER BELLS

10:30 am

WORSHIP

10:55 am

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service.

Visitors, please give us your telephone number so we may contact you in person.

GREETING

We come this morning to worship the God made known in Christ Jesus.

We come seeking the Christ, the Light of the world.

We come to worship God and to seek God's presence.

We see God's presence for in this Light are our lives!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #567 "Heralds of Christ"

NATIONAL HYMN

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.

The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of light, God of grace, God of peace,
In our worship we seek the light of Your presence. We seek it, and yet would
turn away from it, for you may illuminate more than it is comfortable for us to
see. We may see the dust and dirt of guilt that clings so closely to us. We may
see the wall that we have built so cleverly between ourselves . . . and You. Still,
we long for Your Spirit moving in our worship. By your grace, O Lord, wash us
and make us clean. By Your love, O Lord, tear down our walls, build up our
lives. Amen**

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE (see insert)

MINISTRY MINUTE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say
that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes,
Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

ANTHEM

“Away in a Manger”

James Murray

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Congregation is invited to sing 1st verse and chorus of “Jesus Loves Me” as the children come forward.)

*HYMN #209

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

MERLE'S TUNE

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-15a

SERMON

“Gentle Strength”

Ruth Harper Stevens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who created us and loves us. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the One to whom John bore witness. We believe that Jesus came preaching a word of repentance, and that we, like his first hearers, are also called to turn away from our sin, to become new creations born not of water but by the grace of God. We are called out of our darkness into God's marvelous light.

We believe in the sustaining presence of God's Holy Spirit, in whose power we find the strength to confess our sin, the healing touch of God's mercy and forgiveness, and the love of God that offers to us life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI # 71

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

PARISH CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"People, Look East"

BESANCON

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today; Love, the Rose, is on the way.

*GOING FORTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

J. S. Bach

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.



We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

THE GENERAL RULE OF DISCIPLESHIP

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world,
and to follow his teachings,
through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion,
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Pastoral Staff:

Ruth Harper Stevens, Senior Pastor
Lisa Brown Cole, Associate Pastor
Gina Roberts, Minister to Youth and College Age
R. Julian Irvine, Minister of Music/Worship
Ann C. Stallings, Minister of Nurture

Our Support Staff:

Laura Denny, Administrative Assistant
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Mary Anne Holmes, Receptionist
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Fuller Sasser, Tower Bells
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