

---

# 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

### Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2002

TOWER BELLS 10:30 am

WORSHIP 10:55 am

### ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Virgil Fox

### WELCOME AND 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

Let us make a place for God in the wilderness of our hearts.

**Let us make a way for him in the desert of our emotions.**

Let us make room for him in the crowdedness of the season.

**Let us worship him now with praise and singing!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" ELLACOMBE

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

Lord, have you really been long expected, or is it part of our problem that we have ceased to expect you? That we don't expect you to intervene in our lives or help us with our problems or show us your will for our futures? Renew our sense of expectation, we pray. Let the carols of Christmas and the stories of your birth rekindle in us a feeling for your role in our lives and for the difference you can make in our world. O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

(see insert)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (to be sung)

**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 61:1-4

ANTHEM

"Peace Will Come"

David Danner

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Peace will come to those who let the Son of God be born to them; born in their hearts, their homes, their lives. Christmas comes when we hear the still small voice of God. Deep inside the Spirit's carol sings to us, "Make room for Him; room in your heart, your home, your life." Some will notice, but not know what they hear; others hear a voice from distant past. Still others choose to listen, and heed the voice's words. Peace will come, Christmas comes when we hear the still small voice of God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Congregation is invited to sing 1<sup>st</sup> verse and chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.)

\*HYMN #230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

\*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON

"Who Do You Think You Are?"

*Who Do You think You Are?"*

Ruth Harper Stevens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the creator of the universe, and in Jesus Christ, God's Son. We believe that his ministry on earth was marked by compassion for the hurting, welcome for the outcast, hope for the abandoned, and healing for the sick. He confronted those for whom religion replaced holiness and for whom self-righteousness replaced right living. We believe that Jesus was fully human and fully divine, and that he calls us, his sisters and brothers, to join with him in his ministry of justice and mercy. We believe in the empowering presence of God's Holy Spirit to give us clear eyes with which to see injustice, tender hearts to share in this world's suffering, and open hands to give of ourselves. 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

"Coventry Carol"

Howard Helvey

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child. By by, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day this poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by by, lully, lullay? Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day, for thy parting neither say nor sing by by, lully, lullay!

\*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN #238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"People, Look East"

BESANCON

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

\*GOING FORTH

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Joy to the World"

arr. Virgil Fox

*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

R. Julian Irvine, Minister of Music/Worship

Lisa Brown Cole, Associate Pastor

Ann C. Stallings, Minister of Nurture

Gina Roberts, Minister to Youth and College Age

### *Our Support Staff:*

Laura Denny, Administrative Assistant

Al Buehler, Tower Bells

Joe Stevens, Property Operations Manager

Stuart McCracken, Tower Bells

Mary Anne Holmes, Receptionist

Jon White, Tower Bells

Mary Lee Bailey, Staff Secretary

Fuller Sasser, Tower Bells

Tim Smith, Financial Secretary

Dan Gelinne, Sound Technician

Joyce Musselwhite, Church Hostess

Andrew Legge, Sound Technician

Olivia Suarez, Custodian

Josh Allen, Sound Technician

### *Church Office Information:*

9:00-4:30 pm Monday – Thursday

Church Office Phone (919) 683-3467

9:00-1:00 pm Friday

Church FAX Number (919) 682-3349

Log on at: [www.dukememorial.org](http://www.dukememorial.org)

Email: [dukememorial@dukememorial.org](mailto:dukememorial@dukememorial.org)

**Large print bulletins and hymnals, and sound enhancing devices are available for your use. Any usher will be glad to assist you.**