
DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

504 West Chapel Hill Street • Durham, North Carolina • 27701

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2000

TOWER BELLS 10:30 am
WORSHIP 10:55 am

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Chorale, Trio, & Double Canon on *In Dulci Jubilo*” J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Christ shall come, God’s gift to the world . . .

That the desperate should find hope . . .

That the persecuted should find peace . . .

That the lonely should find love . . .

That the dejected should find joy.

O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder.

Come!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
(Verses 1-4)

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

O God, in times past we looked for you in heavenly eclipses. We listened for you in howling winds. We learned of you in quaking mountains. But now we know that you will be found among us. And you will be seen not in the glitter of a mall but in a shelter for the homeless. You will be heard not in the pitch

of a commercial but in the whimper of a child. You will come not clothed in the comforts of the privileged but swaddled in the needs of the neglected. Open our eyes that we might witness the appearance of the angels. Open our ears that we might hear the testimony of the shepherds. Open our hearts that we might ponder the secrets of Mary. And open our mouths that we might shout the good news of the coming of the Lord! Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of expectation.

People: May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.

(Lighting of the first candle.)

People: Eternal God, reach into our celebration as we light the first candle of Advent. Let it remind us of who you are and why you have called us here. May these weeks of building anticipation be for us a time of growing insight as we prepare for the promised coming of Christ. Amen.

All sing: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

MEDITATION

"Signs of the Times"

Ruth Harper Stevens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

God who is the creator of heaven and earth, and the sustainer of all life, we confess our sin to You. You have given us the extraordinary gift of life, yet we treat it as a common and ordinary thing. You have promised us Your presence in all times and all places of our lives, and yet we casually stroll over

holy ground, unthinking and unmoved. You are the Word in our midst, but we are so full of the chatter of our own lives that we do not hear You. Forgive us, O Lord, when we receive so great a mystery with indifference. Forgive us, O Lord, when accomplishing our agenda becomes more important than dreaming Your dreams and following Your vision. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Hal Hopson

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, by prophets sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #17

(Please join in singing the following hymns during Communion: 209, 730, 202, & 549.)

As you come forward to receive communion, an offering may be placed on the communion rail to be used for the Good Samaritan Fund.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN # 203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "People, Look East"

BESANÇON

*GOING FORTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Fantasia on *In Dulci Jubilo*"

J. S. Bach

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

*Congregation is invited to stand.



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 Minister
Lisa Brown Cole, Associate Minister

Robert J. Irvine, Minister of Music/Worship
Ann C. Stallings, Assistant in Ministry

Our Support Staff:

Tim Smith, Financial Secretary
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Edgardo Colón-Emeric, Pastor, *¡Cristo Vive!* Hispanic Congregation

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Dan Gelinne, Sound Technician
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Josh Allen, Sound Technician
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WELCOME: 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.

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