GATHERING

INTROIT  
Tolling of the Bells

WELCOME

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION  
As the ushers distribute the attendance notebooks, please register your presence as a member or guest.

PRELUDE  
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
P. Manz

*GREETING (responsively)  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the Ruler of glory may come in.

Who is the Ruler of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the Ruler of glory may come in.

Who is this Ruler of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
the Lord is the Ruler of glory!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #213  
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"  
TRURO

A reading from Isaiah 60:2-3:  
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Lighting of the Advent wreath:  
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Hope.  
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming soon!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2011
*RESPONSE (sung in unison) “Advent Candle Song”
Bethany Bells
S. Ahner

1. Light one candle: Christ is coming, Christ, the Hope of the world.
2. Light one candle: Christ is coming, Christ is coming soon!

*PASSING THE PEACE
All extend signs of reconciliation and blessing by greeting one another with the peace of Christ.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (NT, p. 145)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
Please join in singing #191, “Jesus Loves Me,” as the children come forward. Following the Time with the Children, grades K-3 are invited to Children’s Church in the Lillie Duke classroom and will return to the front pews during the final hymn.

*GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 13: 24-37 (NT, p. 44)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
“God’s Gift of GRACE”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #378 (verses 1-3,6) AMAZING GRACE
“Amazing Grace”

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

MINISTRY MINUTE  Drs. Sharon & Lynn Fogleman
We welcome Sharon and Lynn Fogleman, missionaries who have previously served at Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya and most recently at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky for 14 years. Duke Memorial has proudly supported the Foglemans in their previous ministry settings in Kenya and Kentucky, and Duke Memorial's Missions Committee has recently decided to continue supporting their work as they move to South Sudan, a new place of ministry with a special emphasis on community-based health initiatives. We are grateful for their tireless work for the gospel and commit together to praying for their ministry in South Sudan.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY  "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"  P. Manz

*DOXOLOGY  LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH
*CLOSING HYMN #202  “People Look East”  BESANCON

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE  Now Thank We All Our God  S. Karg-Elert
Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

* Please, stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Amahl and the Night Visitors”
The popular American one-act opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti will be presented on December 1 and 2 at 7:30 pm, and December 3 at 3:00 pm, at Duke Memorial. The opera tells the story of Amahl, a crippled boy, who meets three wise men seeking shelter on the way to visit the Christ Child. (Length is one hour.) The production is co-sponsored by Durham Children's Choir and Duke Memorial. Suggested ticket prices are $10 for adults and $5 for children and seniors; church members may pay any price they feel able to. Tickets will be available at the church or at the door.

Hanging of the Greens
Next Saturday, Dec. 3, join other church members and families at 5:30pm in the sanctuary to decorate for Christmas! We hope to see you there!

Primetimers
The next meeting of the PRIMETIMERS older adult group will be on Wednesday, December 7. The program will be “A Musical Introduction to the Christmas Season” by our own Bradley Naylor, Minister of Music. This will be a timely, interesting, and enjoyable program to begin Advent. We will gather in Whitford Hall at 11:30am on December 7, have a nice covered dish lunch, and then share in the program. Come and join us! Bring a friend and a covered dish if you can, but come anyway. There is no charge.
**This Week at Duke Memorial**

**Sunday, November 27** (1st Sun. of Advent)
- Morning—Interfaith Hospital Network
- 11am—Covenant Discipleship
- 11am—Time for Prayer
- 1:45pm—Sunday School
- 5:30pm—Youth Ensemble
- 6:30pm—Youth Singers (K-5 grade)
- 6:30pm—Way of Prayer Group
- 6:30pm—Sacred Dance: Omega (1-4 grade)

**Monday, November 28**
- 6:00pm—Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg.
- 6:30pm—Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 6:00pm—Duke Divinity Spouse Group

**Tuesday, November 29**
- 6:30pm—Embody Yoga (Lillie Duke Rm)
- 6:30pm—Amahl rehearsal
- 6:00pm—SPRC Meeting
- 6:00pm—Prodigal God small group (off site)

**Wednesday, November 30**
- 6:30am—Men’s small group
- 6:30am—Women’s small group
- 6:00pm—Amahl Rehearsal
- 1:15pm—Bethany Bells

**Wednesday, November 30, continued**
- 7:00pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm—Wed Evening Bible Study (off site)
- 7:30pm—Friendship@Margins Grp (off site)

**Thursday, December 1**
- 10:30am—Thurs. Study & Service Group
- 7:30pm—“Amahl and the Night Visitors”

**Friday, December 2**
- 1:30pm—Embody Yoga (Lillie Duke Rm.)
- 7:30pm—“Amahl and the Night Visitors”

**Saturday, December 3**
- 8:30am—Youth Leaders Planning (off site)
- 3:00pm—“Amahl and the Night Visitors”
- 5:30pm—Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, December 4** (2nd Sun. of Advent)
- 9:15am—Covenant Discipleship
- 9:15am—Time for Prayer
- 9:45am—Sunday School
- 10:55am—Worship
- Noon—Uplifters Prayer Team
- 4:30pm—Sacred Parenting Group
- 4:30pm—Youth Ensemble
- 5:15pm—DMYF
- 5:15pm—Wesley Singers (K-5 grade)
- 5:15pm—Way of Prayer Group
- 6:00pm—Sacred Dance: Omega (1-4 grade)
- 6:00pm—Joyful Noise Choir

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

We are Growing Deeper Roots and Widening our Reach!

We have much to celebrate as we near the Thanksgiving holiday. Duke Memorial is answering the call to make new initiatives in Worship, Connections, Growth and Impact a reality in 2012. As of November 21, we are 94% toward our goal of $75,000 in pledged contributions to fully fund our ministries and new initiatives next year. More than 81 households have increased their pledge and 21 made a pledge for the first time! We still need to hear from many members of our congregation and encourage everyone to make their pledge as soon as possible. Our wonderful and dedicated staff can use this time to finalize plans for next year so we can hit the ground running as of January 1.

Here’s what you can do now! If you’ve made your pledge for next year, please let us know so we can fully fund our new initiatives for 2012. If you have not made your pledge, please do so now by downloading the pledge form (visit the Stewardship page: dukememorial.org/stewardship/) and mailing to Tim Smith, DMUMC Financial Secretary (504 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham NC 27701) or you can email Tim directly with your confidential pledge for 2012 at timsmith@dukememorial.org.

Peace,

Eric & Crystal Miller, Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs
Welcome to Worship at Duke Memorial!
If you are a guest, we are excited for you to join us this morning. Everything you need for worship can be found in this bulletin. If you have a need, an usher will be glad to assist you. Again, welcome!

Making the Most of Worship

Please silence your cell phones during worship.

For Families with Children

The Lullaby Room is available behind the sanctuary on the right if you need to step out with your infant. The room has an audio and video feed so that you will not miss any part of the service.

Nursery Care is available for infants through four year-olds on the top floor of the Education Building. Infants are in the “Butterfly Room” (Room #242), and parents are given a pager that lights up and vibrates to call them back to the nursery if needed. Children 18 months – 2 years are in the “green door” room (#243), children 3 – 4 years are in the “blue door” room (#244), and both these age groups most Sundays should be picked up on the playground at the gate under the long awning behind the church between the Education and Administrative Buildings.

Following the Time with the Children, grades K-3 are invited to Children’s Church in the Little Duke classroom and will return to the front pews during the final hymn.

Large print bulletins and sound enhancing devices are available for your use. Please ask an usher. Any usher will be glad to assist you.

God’s Gifts: A Christmas Sermon Series

During the weeks leading up to Christmas, we spend enormous time and energy buying gifts for others. But during worship on the four Sundays before Christmas, we will take time to look at the gifts God wants to give us.

November 27 God’s Gift of Grace
December 4 God’s Gift of Patience
December 11 God’s Gift of Change
December 18 Unwrapping God’s Gifts

Holiday Calendar

Dec. 1-3 “Amahl and the Night Visitors” Performances
Sat., Dec. 3 Hanging of the Greens, 5:30pm
Sun., Dec. 11 Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon, 12:00noon
Caroling in the Community, 1:30-3:00pm
Sat., Dec. 24 Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Worship, 5:00pm
Sun., Dec. 25 “Praise in Pajamas” Worship, 10:55am
(No nursery or Sunday School)

Dec. 26-Jan. 2 Church Office Closed
Sun., Jan. 1 New Year’s Day Worship, 10:55am (No Sunday School)

Prayer List


Prayers for Other Needs: Dorothy Harrison, Cole Gross, Norm and Mary Heintz, Brandon Crisp, Julia Davis, Jane Hall, Jordan Hardin, Nancy Hicks, Helen McGlohon, Kym Sells, Sandy Wright, Margaret and Jeff Lowe, Phillip Norton

Prayer request cards can be found in your pew rack and placed in the offering plate or contact Megan Jones in the Church office (meganjones@dukememorial.org)

Requests can be submitted for the printed list and/or the confidential Uplifters intercessory prayer team list.

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Gair McCullough
Preacher: Rev. Roger Owens
Lector: Shirley Few
Organist: Fred Mason
Tower Bells: Al Buehler, Stuart McCracken, Fuller Sasser

Choir Director: Bradley Naylor
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Ways to Stay Connected
Explore our website (www.dukememorial.org), “Like” our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@dukememorial), to learn more about the church and how you can get involved!
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