

Joy...



the echo of God's life within us; the infallible sign
of the presence of God—just as the angel announced
to the shepherds on that night long ago.

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The First Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2013 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Opening Sentence

Luke 1:46-48 (The Message)

Mary said, "I am bursting with Good News; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened -- I'm the most fortunate woman on earth!"

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

Luke 1:46-48a, 50 (CEV)

L: With all my heart I praise the Lord.

P: And I am glad because of God my Savior.

L: God cares for me, his humble servant.

P: God always shows mercy to everyone who worships him.

*Hymn

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH 249

Advent Wreath Lighting

L: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

(Light the first candle)

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

(Light the second candle)

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

(Light the third candle)

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: We light these candles as a symbol of Christ, our comfort and hope whom God has given to us.

***The Blessing and Dismissal:**

Look, the young woman is with child. She shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel - God with us. Nothing can separate us from the love of the Lord who comes to us in human form and who promises to be with us always.

And may the grace of our coming Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of the God who sent him, and the joy of the Holy Spirit who empowers us to receive him, be with us always. **Amen.**

***The Postlude**

“Bless the Lord” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Please stand as you are able.*

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. Please take a minute to fill out a guest card which can be found in the pew rack. Our hope is that you will feel God’s blessing during this time with us.

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Readers: Pam Hunter (8:30 am)
Greeters: Dylan Simmonds (8:30 am)
Advent Wreath: Pam Hunter (8:30 am)
The DeWaters Family (11:00 am)

Assisting with Worship December 22:

Scripture Readers: Lori Radolinski (11:00 am)
Children’s Message: Lori Radolinski (11:00 am)
Children’s Church: Shannon Hartung (11:00 am)
Advent Wreath: Volunteers Needed

MINISTERS:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members

Michael B. Reaves

Marie Williams

Kay Roy

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: December 15 - 22, 2013

TODAY	Bring Poinsettias to Church
	8:30am Early Worship Service
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Wednesday	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Friday	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 12/22	Deadline for Snowden Gifts
	8:30am Early Worship Service
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
	Noon: Christmas Caroling

Upcoming:

Tuesday, 12/24 Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm
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Thank You for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. To date we have received cards totaling \$44,900. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2014. Extra cards are available in the church office and on the table in the sanctuary entrance. Please see Pastor Mike if you have any questions.

Christmas Caroling: Meet at the church next Sunday after the 11:00 service. We will have lunch together and go caroling at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

UMW Fundraiser: Do you need flavorings for all of your Christmas baking needs? If so, the UMW has a variety of flavorings for sale at \$4/bottle. Please see Louise Henderson or another member of the UMW for more details.

Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace

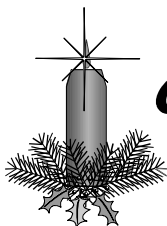
"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

Advent and Christmas Worship – Songs for a Savior

December 22: The Songs of the Angels
and Shepherds – *Luke 2:8-20*
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



fourth sunday
of advent



*Candlelight
Service*

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Our Song for the Savior
Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
(7:00 p.m.)

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*Please be  
Praying for...*  
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The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community;
Those who are having difficulties in their marriages;
The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center;
Missionaries throughout the world; Our men and women in service;
Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Colleen Bowie,
Dave & Dee Campbell, Barbara Canaday, Delores Coates, Faye Coates,
John Coates, Darrell Critzer, Audrey Davenport, Christine Holdren,
Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee,
Mike Nave, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt,
Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Clifton Seay,
Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens, Pete Sullivan

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Please fill one out and
place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias which bring beauty to our sanctuary this day were given as a tribute or a memorial to the following people.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of:

Our Parents
Agnes Harris
Francis Harris
Willis & Mary Ellen Emory
Ted & Betty Hartung
Lillian Mabe & Ann Mabe Brown
James & Loise Fletcher
Erica Dianne Fletcher
Archie & Esther Newton
Bobby K. Newton
Arnold Hawkins
A.J. & Betty Roy
Herbert Williams
Bertha Stewart
Alan Cox

Given By:

Willis & Mary Ellen Emory
Janet Harris, Elizabeth Pruett, Lisa, Howie & Jimmy Weadon
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T.C., Shannon, Chloe & Kyle
T.C., Shannon, Chloe, & Kyle
Gail Mabe
Kenny & Stephenie Newton
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Daryl & Kay Roy, D.J. Hawkins
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Marie Williams
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HONORARIA

In Honor Of:

Ron & Robin DeWaters for their 21st Anniversary (12/20/2013)
Reverends Susan & Michael Reaves
Louise Henderson
Lucille Gordon
William Mabe
Ruby Hawkins

Given By:

Collin DeWaters
Joe & Dot Dunivin
Joe & Dot Dunivin
Joe & Dot Dunivin
Gail Mabe
Daryl & Kay Roy, D.J. Hawkins

