

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4) UMH 211

***The Responsive Reading for the First Sunday of Advent** (insert)

Lighting the Candle of Hope The Lauber Family (8:30)
Lynn & Pat Burroughs (11:00)

Advent Reflection on Galatians 4:4

Opening Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for keeping your promise to come into our world. Thank you for your many promises kept and anticipated. In the name of Christ, the promised Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

The Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Time

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns
The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

***Hymn** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229

Prayer for Illumination:

Author of creation, you are the living word. Open our hearts and minds not only to hear your word, but to be filled with your spirit. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 1093

The New Testament Reading – Galatians 4:4-9 p. 1755

Special Music Kay Roy

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44 p. 1491

This is the Word of God, written for the People of God.
Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message “Love Revealed: To Bring Justice”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Music

***The Doxology**

***The Prayer of Dedication:** As we wait together for the day of Christ’s coming, may these, our offerings, be signs of God’s fruit. In our giving, may we grow in the compassion and justice of Jesus, in whose name we pray and whose coming we celebrate. **Amen.**

***Hymn** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203

***The Blessing and Dismissal:**

Go forth and begin the journey of Advent. Begin your preparations, start the planning, look to the future, but in all you’re doing, keep focused on the great gift, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ Child of Bethlehem. **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*

Assisting with Worship Today

December 4, 2016

Scripture Readers

Lucy Willard (8:30)

Linda Newton (8:30)

Greeters

Kenny Newton (11:00)

Stephenie Newton (11)

Volunteers Needed for December: The sign-up sheet is on the front center pew.

About Fletcher's Chapel Church

Our Vision is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

Our Mission: "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -- Matthew 28:19-20

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MINISTERS:

PRESIDING BISHOP:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members

Sharma D. Lewis

Theodore Smith

Michael B. Reaves

Marie Williams

Kay Roy



November 27, 2016 – December 4, 2016

TODAY	United Methodist Student Day
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Tuesday, 11/29	11:00am Advent Study Daytime Session Week 1
	7:00pm Advent Study Evening Session Week 1
Saturday, 12/3	9:30am Decorate Sanctuary
Sunday, 12/4	Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
	3:00pm Parsonage Open House

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 12/7	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday, 12/10	9:30am	United Methodist Women
Sunday, 12/11	Loose Change Collection	
	9:30am	Coffee Hour (There will be door prizes!)
Thursday, 12/8	7:00pm	Finance Committee
	7:30pm	Administrative Council
Friday, 12/23	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Saturday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, 12/25	Christmas Day – Special Schedule	(see insert)

Birthdays This Week

11/29 Tuner Minx

12/3 Debbie Rogers



Advent Devotionals Are Here

Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2016 is a booklet of daily devotions for Advent that helps people step back from the bustle and stress of the season and prepare heart and mind to rejoice in God's loving gift, Jesus Christ. Each daily devotion includes a recommended Scripture reading, a Bible verse, an inspiring message, and an uplifting prayer.

The season of Advent provides an opportunity for spiritual renewal for followers of Christ. But often what happens is that we get so caught up in the hurry and rush, the hustle and bustle, the frantic pace of the season that we emerge more spiritually exhausted than refreshed. The purpose of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2016* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2016* today. You can find them on the table below the literature rack in the entrance to the sanctuary and on the hallway table near the Pastor's Office.

Prayers and sympathies to Tina Lauber and her family. Tina's father, Larry Green, passed away on Thanksgiving Day after a long battle with cancer.

Thank You for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2017. 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.

All Apple Tree Gifts should be returned to the church today. Please see Pastor Mike if you need to make other arrangements

Advent Begins Today: We will need volunteers to light the Advent Wreath at both worship services on December 4, 11, and 18. A family, siblings, or friends can do this together and it works best with at least two people. Please let Pastor Mike know if you are willing to help.

Advent/Christmas Decorating: If you have an hour to spare on **Saturday, December 3** at 9:30 a.m. come and help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council will meet on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. **Please note this is a change in date.**

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, John Earl Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Turner Minx, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Larry Green, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, John Jones, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Paul Morfit, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack