

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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*Then, opening their  
treasure chests,  
they offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh*

*Matthew 2.11.*

Epiphany of the Lord, January 1, 2017

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



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

**The Message**                    “The Light of the World”

**The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Response:**            “In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (2x)  
In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

**\*The Doxology** (UMH 95)

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** God of all things, we offer to you these gifts, for which we give thanks. As you have blessed us by them, we return them to you, so that they may be a blessing to the ends of the earth. Use them for the creation and all its needs, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Invitation, Confession, and Pardon**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***[All pray in silence]***

Hear the good news: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life. That proves God’s gracious love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH 13)

**Giving the Bread and the Cup**

**\*Hymn**

“The First Noel”

UMH 245

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

May God our Father shield you, may Christ lift your burdens, and the Holy Spirit give life to your steps.

Go forward to proclaim Jesus Christ!

**For the sake of the good news! Amen!**

**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.*

**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:** “<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and 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**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

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## Assisting with Worship

	<b>Today</b>	<b>January 8, 2017</b>
<b>Scripture Readers:</b>	Volunteers Needed	Tina Lauber (11:00)
<b>Greeters:</b>	Volunteers Needed	Stephenie Newton

**Volunteers Needed for January and February:** The sign-up sheet is on the front center pew.

### January 1, 2017 – January 8, 2017

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
	<b>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Take Down Christmas Decorations
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:30am</b> Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship

### Upcoming:

<b>Wednesday, 1/11</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Morning Prayer Group
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
<b>Friday, 1/20</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center

### Birthdays This Week

**1/4** Robin DeWaters    **1/7** Kert Ryder



**Welcome Cards** – We welcome all our guests. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection.

**Today we celebrate EPIPHANY**, that time in which we celebrate the coming of Christ to all of the world. The term "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word for "Manifestation." We are reminded in this Season of Light that "Jesus is the Light of the World" who reveals himself to all people by the warmth of his own Goodness and Love. We, as God's People, are called to be light-bearers for Christ and his Gospel.

**Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry** meets this Wednesday. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool or be at Heritage Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**Time to Take Down the Advent/Christmas Decorations:** If you can spare an hour next Saturday morning, come and help us take down the sanctuary decorations. We will start at 9:30 and should be finished by 10:30.



**Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed!** Our next Coffee Fellowship will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 9:30am. We need volunteers to provide refreshments (doughnuts, muffins, fruit, etc.), make coffee, and prepare the Fellowship Hall in advance. Please see Pastor Mike if you are able to volunteer in January or any other month.

**Be a Part of The Story!** The Fellowship Class will begin a 31-week study on The Story: The Bible as One Continuous Story of God and His People on Sunday, January 8 during the Sunday School time. The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption – and this story's true! If you are not currently a member of a Sunday School class, this will be a great place to start. See Pastor Mike if you would like a copy of the book.

**Morning Prayer Group to Begin in 2017:** Join Pastor Mike on Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00am for a weekly prayer group. If you are available and willing to commit to meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays, please speak with the pastor.

**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. To date, we have received twenty-four estimate of giving cards. Please see Pastor Mike if you have any questions.

**Thank You from the Pastor:**

I would like to thank the members and friends of Fletcher's Chapel for the generous Christmas gift I received from the congregation this year. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your generosity toward me and my family not only at Christmas but at all times. What a blessing it is for me to be in ministry with all the fine people here at Fletcher's Chapel. I thank God for you each day and look forward to being your pastor in 2017.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Mike*

## **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, Ray Highfield, 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, 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, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

***Prayer Request Cards*** are available in the pew rack