

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017

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

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

It is good.

It is good.

To be in the house of the Lord.

To be in the house of the Lord.

One more time.

One more time.

*Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4)

UMH 211

Lighting the Candle of Love

Pam & Troy Thompson (8:30)

Stephenie & Kenny Newton (11:00)

God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it. You created all things and called them good.

God of Love, you wove into life a beautiful diversity from your infinite palette of creativity. All the creatures that walk or swim, crawl or fly sing praises to you.

We, God's people, affirm the creation of all things in love, saying with the psalmist: "God's salvation is very close to those who honor [God] so that [God's] glory can live in our land. Faithful love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed." (Psalm 85:9-10, CEB)

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us that the God of Creation calls us home to love all that we meet.

The second candle is lit.

The Opening Prayer

Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to

call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Message (Loose Change Collection)

Time of Sharing and Prayer

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

***Hymn**

"The First Noel"

UMH 245

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word, which stands forever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

p. 893

The Gospel Reading – Mark 1:1-8

p. 1503

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

"Home Is Where We Meet"

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:** Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH 213

*** Sending Forth:**

Go forth from this place with eyes open to see with ears open to hear with hearts open to embrace each one we meet: In the name of our God who is swift to mercy, relentless in justice, and perfect in peace. **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.*

Assisting with Worship Today December 17, 2017

Scripture Readers Linda Newton (8:30) Volunteer Needed

Greeters Stephenie Newton (11:00) Volunteer Needed

Volunteers Needed: The sign-up sheet for December is available now.

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.

Advent Candle Lighters Needed: We will need volunteers to light the Advent Wreath at both worship services on December 17 and 24. 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.

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council will meet on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

The Prayer Concerns list needs an update. On Sunday, January 7 we will start fresh. If you want a person to remain on the Prayer Concerns list, then resubmit that request by filling out one of the blue Prayer Request Cards and placing it into the offering plate. All requests received in December will remain on the list.

The Loose Change Offering is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



Church Calendars are Here! Please take a 2018 calendar for your home. This poster-size calendar features a picture of the church on a sunny day with a bright blue sky.

Thank You for your support of Apple Tree! Your response this year was the best yet. The people at Kingsway Prison Fellowship and Outreach are very appreciative of your help this Christmas.

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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December 10, 2017 – December 17, 2017

Sunday, 12/10	Loose Change Collection/Coffee Fellowship
	8:30am Worship
	9:30am Coffee Fellowship (Hosted by Kenny & Stephenie Newton)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Tuesday, 12/12	11:00am Advent Study Daytime Session Week 3
	7:00pm Advent Study Evening Session Week 3
Wednesday, 12/13	10:00am Morning Prayer Group Ministry
Thursday, 12/14	7:00pm Finance Committee
	7:30pm Administrative Council
Friday, 12/15	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 12/17	Bring Poinsettias to Church
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 12/20	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home
Sunday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, 1/7/2018		Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection

Birthdays This Week

12/10 Elizabeth Pruett **12/12** Elizabeth Rand



MINISTERS:	All Members
PRESIDING BISHOP:	Sharma D. Lewis
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:	Theodore Smith
PASTOR:	Michael B. Reaves
LAY LEADER:	Marie William
MUSICIAN	Elizabeth Pruett

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, Shannon Hartung, Louise Henderson, Bob Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Turner Minx, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Howie Weadon

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Gavin Balderson, Mikie Barker, Mitchell Burroughs, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Elwood Coates, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, David Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Theresa Guarracino, Chip Hall, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Al Keyes, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Jim McCurtain, Paul Morfit, Mike Nave, Daniel (D.P.) Newton, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Dickie Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Mike Warnke, Fred Weaver, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack