

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## **\*Chiming of the Hour**

### **The Call to Worship**

There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

**When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.**

But when you see these things, lift up your heads: our redemption is drawing near!

**Heaven and earth may pass away, but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

### **\*Hymn**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1-4)      UMH 211

### **Lighting the Advent Wreath:**

The Lauber Family (8:30)

Kimberly & David Kennedy (11:00)

God of hope and promise, protection and strength, you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth.

God of hope and endurance, you foretold of the coming kingdom of God.

**All: We, God’s people, affirm your covenant with us. We stand ready, hearts full of hope, for God will fulfill the promises made to God’s people. As the psalmist declares, so do we: “All the Lord’s paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws.” (Psalm 25:10, NRSV)**

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of hope to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in our midst.

*(Light the first candle)*

### **The Opening Prayer**

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Children’s Message (Canned Food Collection)**

### **Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

## The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

**\*Hymn** "There's Something About that Name" UMH 171

### **Prayer for Illumination**

God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading** – Jeremiah 33:12-16 p. 1199

**The Gospel Reading** – Luke 21:25-36 p. 1585

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

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Message** "Prepare the Way: Stand"

### **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:** Holy God of Light and Love: Lead us through this season of journey, not only in our worship, but also in our living. Ignite not just candles, but the flames of our faith, that we might more fully trust you with all we are and all we have. As we offer our gifts to you, open our hearts to the joy of generosity, that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

### **Service of Holy Communion (UMH 12)**

**Invitation, Confession and Pardon**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Giving the Bread and the Cup**

**\*Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Go in peace, live in love, and seek to be holy in all that you do.

May the God of mercy keep you, the Holy Spirit cheer you, and Christ in glory greet you,  
now and at the day of his coming. **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.*

<b>Assisting with Worship</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>December 9, 2018</b>
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Tina Lauber (8:30)	Linda Newton
<b>Greeters</b>	_____	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.

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

**December 2, 2018 – December 9, 2018**

<b>Sunday, 12/2</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	<b>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</b>	
	<b>Deadline for Apple Tree Gifts</b>	
	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School Opening
	<b>10:00am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
<b>Tuesday, 12/4</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Advent Study Daytime Session Week 2/4
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Advent Study Evening Session Week 2/4
<b>Wednesday, 12/5</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Saturday, 12/8</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	United Methodist Women
<b>Sunday, 12/9</b>	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>	
	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:30am</b>	Coffee Fellowship
	<b>10:00am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship

**Upcoming:**

<b>Tuesday, 12/11</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Advent Study Daytime Session Week 3/4
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Advent Study Evening Session Week 3/4
<b>Wednesday, 12/12</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Morning Prayer Group
<b>Friday, 12/14</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serve Dinner at the Brisben Center
<b>Sunday, 12/16</b>	<b>Last Day for Special Offering for Christmas Family</b>	
	<b>Bring Your Poinsettias to Church (see insert)</b>	
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Christmas Pageant
<b>Wednesday, 12/19</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Finance Committee
	<b>7:30pm</b>	Administrative Council
<b>Monday, 12/24</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Christmas Eve Service

## Birthdays This Week

12/3 Debbie Rogers



**Canned Food Offering Today!** The Canned Food Offering is collected on the first Sunday of each month. This food will be sent to the King George Social Services Food Bank. King George County residents who need assistance may receive a two- or three-day emergency supply of food once a month with proof of residency.

**Church Calendars are Here!** Please take a 2019 calendar for your home. This magnetic calendar will fit nicely on the kitchen refrigerator. It features a picture on our beautiful altar. Take extras to invite people to our Sunday, December 16 Christmas Pageant or the Christmas Eve Service.

**Angle Tree Update:** Today is the deadline to turn in your Angel Tree gifts.

**The December Finance and Administrative Council Meetings** have been moved to Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00pm and 7:30pm.

**Help A Family in Need This Christmas:** As a Christmas Outreach, Fletcher's Chapel Church will help a family in King George. The father was laid off from work earlier this month. The children (two daughters, 13 and 6; two sons, 11 and 10) attend King George Middle and Sealston Elementary School. We hope to raise around \$650 - \$750 to buy gifts for the children and provide a holiday meal for the family. Mark on your check or envelope for this special offering, "Christmas Family," and place it in the offering plate. We will receive donations until Sunday, December 16. If we exceed our goal, any extra money will be used to purchase turkey's and ham's for people in need in our community.

## **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 her cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Patricia Clatterbuck, Delores Coates, John Earl Coates, Audrey Davenport, Robin DeWaters, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Grace Radolinski, Bob Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Turner Minx, David Pitts, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Patsy Wenger Bade, Gavin Balderson, Donnie Bullock, Mitchell Burroughs, Barbara Canady, Drew Cleveland, Elwood Coates, Sandy Collier, Judy Fisher, David Frazier, Frazier Family, Gage Ford & Family, Bobby Garner, John Gayle, Anna Graninger, Chip Hall, Faye Holt, Floyd Johnston. David Kane, Nancy Chappell Madison, Jim McCurtain, John Merrimack, Daniel (D.P.) Newton, Joey Rowe, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Billy Sullivan, Linda Chappell Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Mike Warnke, Fred Weaver, Cynne White Wolf, Wayne Young

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