

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

***Chiming of the Hour**

The Call to Worship

Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Holy is God's name!

***Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234

Lighting the Advent Wreath

God our shepherd, you chose a humble woman to bring your Messiah into the world, one who will bring us security, joy, and peace.

God, even children in the wombs of their mothers recognize you and delight in your presence.

All: We, God's people, sing with Mary, "the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God." (Luke 1:49-50, CEB)

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this peace candle in joyful anticipation of welcoming Christ's coming.

Light the fourth candle

The Opening Prayer

Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our brother, our friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, mother of us all. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

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

***Hymn**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH 230

Prayer for Illumination

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Micah 5:2-5a

p. 1404

The Gospel Reading – Luke 1:39-55

p. 1539

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

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“Prepare the Way: Welcome”

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,

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***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** God of all good things: This morning, as we draw closer to the blessed birth, we remember Mary and how your blessings come to the world in the most unexpected ways and often through the most unprepared people. Give us eyes this day to see the wealth of ways you have blessed us and the opportunities you have placed before us to be an unexpected blessing to others. Use the gifts we bring to you this morning to bless those who need the good news the most. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who gave in love all there was to give for us. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go in peace, trusting in the promises of God.

May the God of justice be your path, the Lord of mercy be your guide, and the Spirit of love be your light, this day and forevermore. **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 30, 2018
Scripture Readers	Tina Lauber (8:30)	Linda Newton (8:30)
Greeters	_____	Volunteer Needed

Volunteers Needed: The sign-up sheet for January & February 2019 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: “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:	All Members
PRESIDING BISHOP:	Sharma D. Lewis
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:	Theodore Smith
PASTOR:	Michael B. Reaves
LAY LEADER:	Marie William
MUSICIAN	Elizabeth Pruett

December 23, 2018 – December 30, 2018

Sunday, 12/23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Monday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, 12/25	Christmas Day	
Sunday, 12/30	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 1/2	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Sunday, 1/6	Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection	
Tuesday, 1/8	7:00pm	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Wednesday, 1/9	10:00am	Morning Prayer Group
Friday, 1/11	4:00pm	Serve Dinner at the Brisben Center
Sunday, 1/13	Loose Change Collection/Coffee Fellowship	

Birthdays This Week

12/24 Natalie Rand **12/25** Kenny Rand, Carol Williams
12/27 D.J. Hawkins, Jesse Radolinski **12/30** Luke Stevens



Our Prayers and Sympathies to the Family of Carolyn Williams

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service: Join us on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. for a service of lessons and carols, the celebration of Holy Communion, and candlelight.

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas! If you are traveling, please be safe! Enjoy the time with family and friends as you celebrate our Savior's birth.

Thank You for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2019. Extra cards are available in the church office.

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will not meet this week!

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.

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, JoAnn Carpenter, 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, Clair Hunkins, Floyd Johnston. David Kane, Nancy Chappell Madison, Jim McCurtain, John Merrimack, Daniel (D.P.) Newton, Norman Price, 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