

# PEACE

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.*

LUKE 2:14

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**The Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2013      8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

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## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*Opening Sentence

Micah 5:2 (The Message)

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the least of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days."

## The Welcome and Announcements

### \*The Call to Worship

L: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! He will establish justice upon the earth. Distant lands eagerly wait for his teaching.

**P: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

L: He will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark prisons.

**P: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

### \*Hymn

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1-4)*

UMH 234

## Advent Wreath Lighting

L: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

*(Light the first candle)*

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

*(Light the second candle)*

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Two Advent candles have been lit as a symbol of Christ, our present and coming Lord whom God has given to us.

**All: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Time of Sharing and Prayer**

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

**The Children's Message** (*Loose change collected after the message*)

**\*Hymn**                    *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*                    UMH 236

**Reception of New Members** (11:00)                    UMH 38

**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 First Scripture Reading** – Isaiah 11:1-9                    p.1046

**The Second Scripture Reading** – Micah 5:2-4                    p. 1404

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

**The Message**                    *"The Prophet's Song"*

**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

\*The Prayer of Dedication: With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“What Child Is This”*

UMH 219

**\*The Blessing and Dismissal:**

Let us go forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim:  
In the work of justice: Christ! In the practice of mercy: Christ! In good news for  
the poor: Christ! In the vision of peace: Christ! **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.*

**Welcome Our Newest Member:** Lolita James comes to us by letter of transfer from  
Montrose Baptist Church in Rockville, MD. Please take time to introduce yourself to  
her and make her feel welcome.

**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Scripture Readers:** Lucy Willard (8:30 am)  
T. C. Hartung (11:00 am)  
**Children’s Message:** Lori Radolinski (11:00 am)  
**Advent Wreath:** Linda Newton (8:30 am)  
The Weadon Family (11:00 am)

**Assisting with Worship December 15:**

**Scripture Readers:** Pam Hunter (8:30 am)  
**Greeters:** Dylan Simonds (8:30 am)  
**Advent Wreath:** Volunteers Needed

**MINISTERS:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**All Members**  
**Michael B. Reaves**  
**Marie Williams**  
**Liz Pruett**



**Thank You** for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2014. 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.

**Christmas Caroling:** Meet at the church on Sunday, December 22 after the 11:00 service. We will have lunch together and go caroling at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

**The Finance Committee and Administrative Council** will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

**UMW Fundraiser:** Do you need flavorings for all of your Christmas baking needs? If so, the UMW have a variety of flavorings for sale at \$4/bottle. Please see Louise Henderson or another member of the UMW for more details.



The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community;  
Those who are having difficulties in their marriages;  
The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center;  
Missionaries throughout the world; Our men and women in service;  
Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Raecyn Baxter, Wesley Berry, Colleen Bowie,  
Dave & Dee Campbell, Barbara Canaday, Delores Coates, Faye Coates,  
John Coates, Darrell Critzer, Audrey Davenport, Christine Holdren,  
Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee,  
Mike Nave, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt,  
Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Clifton Seay,  
Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens, Pete Sullivan

***Prayer Request Cards*** are available in the pew racks. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.

## Advent and Christmas Worship – Songs for a Savior



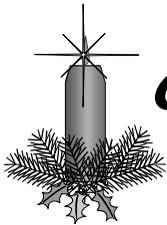
third sunday  
of advent

**December 15:** Mary's Song  
*Isaiah 40:1-5; Luke 1:46-55*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

**December 22:** The Songs of the Angels  
and Shepherds – *Luke 2:8-20*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



fourth sunday  
of advent



*Candlelight  
Service*

**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**  
Our Song for the Savior  
*Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20*  
(7:00 p.m.)



## **An Invitation to Join Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church**

Membership in a church is really about discipleship – about being a faithful follower of Christ. At Fletcher's Chapel, we work to help all our members and prospective members become followers of Christ. Whether you are a first-time visitor or attend here regularly, you can become a member of this congregation.

When you join Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church, you will be asked, "Will you faithfully participate in [Fletcher's Chapel's] ministries by your **prayers**, your **presence**, your **gifts**, your **service**, and your **witness**?" If you can imagine answering "I will," then learn more about membership at Fletcher's Chapel.

### **There are three basic ways you can join the church:**

**Profession of Faith:** If you have never been a member of any church, you can begin your faith journey formally through baptism, and become a member of Fletcher's Chapel by a "Profession of Faith."

**Reaffirmation of Faith:** If you have professed your faith and been a member of another church of any denomination, but have not been active for a while, you can become a member of Fletcher's Chapel by a "Reaffirmation of Faith."

**Transfer of Membership:** If you have been an active member at another Methodist Church or a church of another denomination, but wish to continue your faith journey at Fletcher's Chapel, you can join by a "Transfer of Membership."

To learn more about church membership, speak with our Pastor, Michael Reaves, after the worship service today. You can also contact Pastor Mike at the church office (775-7247) or by email ([reaves.michael.b@gmail.com](mailto:reaves.michael.b@gmail.com)) during the week.