



# LOVE



*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:  
continue ye in my love.*

JOHN 15:9

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2013 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## **The Prelude**

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

### **\*Opening Sentence**

Luke 2:15

"When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' "

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*The Call to Worship** (adapted from Luke 2:10-12)

L: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

**All: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.**

L: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord.

**All: Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

L: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

**All: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

### **\*Hymn**

*"O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs. 2-5)*

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: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

*(Light the third candle)*

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

*(Light the fourth candle)*

**P: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Four Advent candles are lighted in expectation of the return of Christ, our Savior and 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**

**\*Hymn**

*"Angels We Have Heard On High"*

UMH 238

### **Prayer for Illumination:**

Heavenly Father of Jesus Christ, anoint the reading and preaching of these words today with the fire of your Spirit that can bring the story to life with all its power at work in us. To God be the glory. **Amen**

### **The Gospel Reading – Luke 2:8-20**

p. 1541

This is the Word of God, written for the People of God.

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

### **The Message**

*"The Songs of the Angels and Shepherds"*

### **The Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Special Music**

Kay Roy

**\*The Doxology**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Holy Child of God and of Mary Virgin, heaven

and earth are your homes, temple and stable are hallowed by your presence. We bring our gifts to you so that the good news of peace may continue to sound in earth and heaven, echoed by human voices, the voice of your church. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

UMH 240

**\*The Blessing and Dismissal:**

We have waited, but soon we will wait no longer. The celebration of the birth of Christ is almost upon us. May your time with friends and family be sweet, may the memories you make be unforgettable. These are the moments when we see Christ. Do not miss him. Do not forget him. Welcome him into your homes and lives as you eat and drink and give gifts. As you leave here today, go in joy. Go in hope. Go in peace. **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.*

**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Scripture Readers:** Lori Radolinski (11:00 am)

**Children’s Message:** Lori Radolinski (11:00 am)

**Children’s Church:** Shannon Hartung (11:00 am)

**Advent Wreath:** Dylan Simonds, Elizabeth & Natalie Rand (8:30am)

Daryl & Kay Roy, D. J. Hawkins (11:00am)

**Worship Volunteers are needed.** Scripture readers, children’s message providers, greeters, children’s church teachers are needed for all Sundays in January and April. Please see the sign-up sheets on the front row of the center pews.

**MINISTERS:**

**All Members**

**PASTOR:**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**LAY LEADER:**

**Marie Williams**

**MUSICIAN:**

**Kay Roy**



## Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).*

**Thank You** for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. To date we have received cards totaling \$44,900. 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.

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*Please be  
Praying for...*  
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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;  
Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, 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 Pruet,  
Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager,  
Clifton Seay, Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens,  
Patty Darr Sullivan, Pete Sullivan

Prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Cecelia Davis  
who passed away on Tuesday, December 17.

***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.*