

*It is good that a man should both hope and
quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.*

LAMENTATIONS 3:26

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2013

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

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Opening Sentence**

Luke 1:68-69

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of his servant David.

The Welcome and Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

L: As people long ago waited in anticipation of the day when the Messiah would come, we ask that our minds might be prepared so that Jesus is welcome.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel, come into our minds today.

L: As people longed for the day when God would be more fully revealed through the Son, so we ask for pure hearts that Jesus might enter us.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel, come into our hearts today.

L: As the people of God listened to the prophets foretell the coming of the Prince of Peace, and prepared their hearts and lives to receive him, so we pray for all barriers to Jesus be removed from us.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel, come into our lives today.

***Hymn**

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

UMH 211

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.

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our mighty Savior.

(Light the first candle)

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 first candle of this wreath. May its 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 (*Canned food collected after the message*)

***Hymn** *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* UMH 229

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 Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43:18-19 p.1096

The Gospel Reading – Luke 1:68-79 p. 1540
This is the Word of God, written for the People of God.
Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message *"Songs for a Savior – Zechariah'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:** As we wait together for the day of Christ's coming, may these, our offerings, be signs of God's fruit. In our giving, may we grow in the compassion and justice of Jesus, in whose name we pray and whose coming we celebrate. **Amen.**

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *[All pray in silence]*

Hear the good news: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life. That proves God's gracious love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 13)

Giving the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

UMH 203

***The Blessing and Dismissal:**

Go forth and begin the journey of Advent. Begin your preparations, start the planning, look to the future, but in all you're doing, keep focused on the great gift, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ Child of Bethlehem. **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.*



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: December 1 - 8, 2013

TODAY	Deadline to Return Apple Tree Gifts Canned Food Collection for KG Food Bank 8:30am Early Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship
Wednesday	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday	District UMW Advent Breakfast at Fredericksburg UMC
Sunday, 12/8	Loose Change Collection for Heifer Project

Upcoming:

Weds, 12/11	Finance Committee at 7:00 pm Administrative Council at 7:30 pm
Sunday, 12/15	Bring Poinsettias to Church (see insert)
Friday, 12/20	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center at 4:00 pm
Sunday, 12/22	Christmas Caroling after 11:00 a.m. service. + + +

Snowden Behavioral Health Center: Gifts are needed for the residents of Snowden who happen to be there during the Christmas season. This is a difficult time for them and their families. Sometimes gifts are overlooked. Gifts need to follow certain guidelines for patients' safety. Suggestions include winter hats and gloves, journals (no wire spines), puzzle books, and lotion (non-alcohol.). Also suggested are pens, pencils, and crayons (children). Please avoid anything with strings, wires, glass or fragile plastic. Do not wrap the gifts but gift bags left open would be great! Please bring these and leave on front choir pews by December 22nd. If you have questions, call Lori at 226-4102 or send email to lucytyler25@aol.com. Your kindness in a time of need is a blessing to these patients.

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. 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.

All Apple Tree Gifts should be returned to the church today. Please see Pastor Mike if you need to make other arrangements.

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



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, Wesley Berry, Colleen Bowie,
Dave & Dee Campbell, Barbara Canaday, Delores Coates, Faye Coates,
John Coates, Darrell Critzer, Audrey Davenport, Christine Holdren,
Louise Henderson, Pam Hunter, 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.

Nursing Home Ministry: Meet us at the church on Wednesday morning at 9:30. We will carpool to Heritage Hall and offer the residents a time of music and song. All are welcome to participate.

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Readers: Rob Minx (8:30 am)
Children's Church: Pam Hunter (11:00 am)
Advent Wreath: Marie Smith (8:30 am)
Allen & Arlene Coates (11:00 am)

Assisting with Worship December 8:

Scripture Readers: Lucy Woodard (8:30 am)
T. C. Hartung (11:00 am)
Children's Message: Lori Radolinski (11:00 am)
Advent Wreath: Volunteers Needed for both services

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. Our hope is that you will feel God's blessing during this time with us.

Contact us by email:

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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

MINISTERS:
PASTOR:
LAY LEADER:
MUSICIAN:

All Members
Michael B. Reaves
Marie Williams
Liz Pruett

Advent and Christmas Worship – Songs for a Savior

December 8: The Prophet's Song
Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 5:2-4
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



**second sunday
of advent**



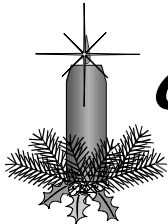
**third sunday
of advent**

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



**fourth sunday
of advent**

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



***Candlelight
Service***

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

