

# JOY

Shepherds in the fields at night;

Sing gloria!...

All the sky ablaze with light,  
with glorious light...

as the angels tell the story  
of the Savior sent from glory!

*I bring you good tidings of great joy....*

*For unto you is born...a Saviour.*

LUKE 2:10-11



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2014**

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

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*Call to Worship

The Promised One of God brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted.

**We are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

**We are witnesses to the light of Christ! The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.**

Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to what is good,

**We are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

## The Welcome and Announcements

### Advent Wreath Lighting

Scott & Carol Kieffer (8:30)

Mary Ellen Emory, Shannon Hartung, & Kyle Critzer (11:00)

Listen. Hear the good news: God's promised Messiah is coming. He brings good news for the poor and oppressed. He will bind up broken hearts. He will proclaim release to those who are held captive. We light the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle as a sign of joy — a testimony to the Light of God coming into our world that will shatter the darkness and bring healing to all who suffer and mourn.

*[The Third Candle is Lit]*

Come, Lord Jesus.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1-3)*

UMH 234

### Opening Prayer:

We thank you, O God, for all those in Scripture who have pointed to Christ: for your prophets Elijah and Isaiah, for other prophets, and for John. We thank you, too, for those in our lives who have pointed us to Christ: pastors and teachers, strangers and friends. Give us eyes to see him today among those who are oppressed, imprisoned, brokenhearted, or beaten

down, and we will give our testimony, too: how Christ releases and sets free; how he turns ashes into garlands; how he repairs and builds up what was ruined. We, too, will point others to Jesus, the Light of the world. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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**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**

*"What Child Is This"*

UMH 219

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Holy One, giver of life and light, as your word is read and proclaimed, illumine our hearts and minds, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives may reflect God's glory. **Amen**

**The New Testament Reading** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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**The Gospel Reading** – John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

**The Message**

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

**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:** Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

UMH 240

**\*The Blessing and Dismissal:**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Witness to the light of Christ so that all might believe through him.

Now may the God of peace call forth your complete dedication; may the light of Christ shine upon you; and the Holy Spirit fill you completely, now and forever. **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.*

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

**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Scripture Reader:** Linda Newton (8:30)

**Assisting with Worship December 21:**

**Scripture Reader:** Tina Lauber (8:30)

**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:** "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, 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

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**Marie Williams**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

## This Week – December 14 - 21, 2014

<b>TODAY</b>	<u>Loose Change Collection/Bring Poinsettias to Church</u>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship
<b>Monday, 12/15</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> Pastor Parish Relations Committee
<b>Tuesday, 12/16</b>	<b>10:30am</b> Advent Bible Study (Morning Session)
	<b>7:00pm</b> Advent Bible Study (Evening Session)
<b>Wednesday, 12/17</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Saturday, 12/20</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Youth Christmas Baking
<b>Sunday, 12/21</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> Christmas Cantata (Reception to Follow)

### Upcoming:

<b>Wednesday, 12/24</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>Sunday, 1/4</b>		<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>

### Birthdays This Week:

**12/19** Brooke Ayers                      **12/20** Addison Hilton

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**Thank You!!** We have received Estimate of Giving cards totaling \$59,382. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2015. Extra cards are available in the church office and on the table in the sanctuary entrance.

**The Pastor Parish Relations Committee** will meet on Monday, December 15 at 7:00pm. This meeting will include new members of the PPRC who are scheduled to join in 2015.

**Youth Christmas Baking:** All Middle and High School students are invited to help bake Christmas cookies. Please come and join us on Saturday, December 20 from 11:00am until 2:00pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for food, fellowship, and church. Contact Tina Lauber at [Lauberhh@yahoo.com](mailto:Lauberhh@yahoo.com)

**Christmas Cantata:** Plan to join us on Sunday, December 21 for the cantata. There will be a reception immediately after in the Fellowship Hall with light refreshments. We will need people to bring food such as fruit and vegetable trays, finger foods, Christmas treats, cheese and crackers, etc. Please bring food to Fellowship Hall between 3:00pm and 3:45pm.

**Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry** meets this Wednesday. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool or be at Heritage Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**The Loose Change Offering** is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



**Safe Sleep Campaign – Project Manger:** The City of Frederickburg Department of Social Services is holding its third annual Project Manger. As part of Project Manger, the Department is collecting money for more portable cribs. The average cost of a portable crib is \$60. To donate to the project, contact Shannon Hartung at 540/372-1032, ext. 247.

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

### **Prayer List**

**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those having difficulties in their marriages; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Roy Stewart, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Barbara Canaday, Darrell Critzer, Frazier Family, Wayne & Nancy Gallahan, Alvin Gill, Barbara Hatchell, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Nelson Parris, Msgr John Pennington, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Tai (re: Lori Radolinksi), Mushy Schenemann, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Joan Wehner

**Our prayers and sympathies to:** the Family of Christina Holden, the Family of William Emory

***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 – Joy to the World



third sunday  
of advent

**December 14:** This Little Light of Mine  
*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;*  
*John 1:6-8, 19-28*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

**December 21:** Mary, Did You Know?  
*2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27;*  
*Luke 1:26-38*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

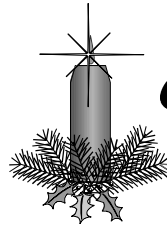


fourth sunday  
of advent



**Sunday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.**  
Combined Choir from Trinity and  
Fletcher's Chapel Churches  
**Reception to Follow!**

**Wednesday, December 24,**  
**Christmas Eve:** Joy to the World  
*Luke 2:1-20*  
(7:00 p.m.)



*Candlelight  
Service*

