

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**They shall  
bring gold and  
frankincense,  
and shall  
proclaim the  
praise of  
the Lord.**

**Isaiah 60.6**



## **The Prelude**

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

### **\*The Call to Worship**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
**And the glory of God has risen upon us.**  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
**Your sons and daughters shall come from far away.**  
Then you shall see and be radiant and  
**Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn**                                      “When Morning Guilds the Skies”                                      UMH 185

### **The Opening Prayer**

O God who is the light that can never be extinguished: Grant us the faith to come to your light in Jesus that we may know the joy of your salvation and gladly proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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**                                      “We Three Kings”                                      UMH 254

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your dawn. By the compelling radiance of your Spirit, draw us near, reveal your truth, and teach us faithful obedience to your holy Word. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6**                                      p. 1124

**The Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12**                                      p 1450

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

## The Message

“Who Are These Kings?”

## 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 (UMH 95)**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother, and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. **Amen.**

## Invitation, Confession, Silent Meditation, and Pardon

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our preference for the shadows that hide us from God’s truth.

**We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. You have sent your light into the world and though we say we follow Jesus, the light of the world, we know that often we prefer to hide in the shadows. We do not want others to know who we are. We don’t want you to know who we are. We don’t want to know who we are. In spite of all Jesus has taught us, we find it difficult to believe that you love us as we are. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to know of your love that we can joyfully share your love and grace with others. [All pray in silence] Amen.**

God does love us as we are, even when we are people of little faith. Receive the light of God’s love in your life and share that light with others.

**Praise be to God.**

## Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 13)

Giving the Bread and the Cup

**\*Hymn**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH 251

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Go forth into the world. Proclaim the good news of Christ. Receive the inheritance of God’s promise. Live in the light of the gospel.

God, ruler of heaven and earth, dismiss you in peace; Jesus Christ, light of the world, uphold you in love; the Holy Spirit, revealer of God’s mystery, lead you in truth.

**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.***

**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 together.



**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Children’s Church (11:00):** Pam Hunter

**Greeter:** Kenny Newton (11:00)

**Assisting with Worship January 11:**

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

**Greeter:** Stephenie Newton (11:00)

**Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children’s messages, and serve as greeters. Please see the sign-up sheets which are on the front center pew.

**Today we celebrate EPIPHANY**, that time in which we celebrate the coming of Christ to all the world. The term "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word for "Manifestation." We are reminded in this Season of Light that “JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD” who reveals himself to all people by the warmth of his own Goodness and Love. We, as God's People, are called to be light-bearers for Christ and his Gospel.

**The United Methodist Women invite you to lunch:** The UMW will meet at Four Seasons Restaurant on Saturday, January 10 at 11:30am for lunch. All women of the church are welcome whether or not they are members of the UMW. Please don’t miss this fellowship opportunity!

**MINISTERS:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**All Members**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**Marie Williams**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

**This Week: January 4 - 11, 2015**

<b>TODAY</b>	<u>Communion Sunday</u> <u>Canned Food Collection</u> <b>8:30am</b> Worship <b>9:45am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship
<b>Wednesday, 1/7</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Thursday, 1/8</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Take Down Advent/Christmas Decorations
<b>Saturday, 1/10</b>	<b>11:30am</b> UMW Lunch at Four Seasons Restaurant
<b>Sunday, 1/11</b>	<u>Loose Change Collection</u>

**Upcoming:**

<b>Thursday, 1/15</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Saturday, 2/7</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	United Methodist Women

**Birthdays This Week:**

1/4 Robin DeWaters                      1/7 Kert Ryder  
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**Get Your Copy Today!** Copies of the 2015 Budget are available on the table under the literature rack in the sanctuary entrance. A listing of Committees will be available soon.

**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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**Food for Thought:** Warned in a dream of Herod's evil intentions, the magi "left for their own country by another road." What could it mean for you to take "another road" as the church concludes the celebrations of the Christmas season?

**Next Sunday** we will remember the Baptism of the Lord during our worship services. There will be an opportunity for you to reaffirm your baptismal covenant during the service. We will consider what baptism means and what difference it makes in our lives.

**Time to remove the Sanctuary Decorations:** If you are available on Thursday morning, we could use your help. Join us at 9:30am as we take down the Advent and Christmas decorations.



**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, Inez Carver, 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 Radolinski), Mushy Schenemann, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Joan Wehner

***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.*