

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**Do you see these
great buildings?
Not one stone
will be left here
upon another;
all will be thrown down.**

Mark 13.2.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, 2015 8:30a.m./11:00a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship (1 Samuel 2:1–2)

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

our strength is exalted in God.

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

God has given us the victory.

There is no Holy One like the Lord;

there is no Rock like our God.

Praise the Lord!

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

The Opening Prayer

Merciful God, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us such a passion during worship that we might vow to give you our best, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

The Children’s Message

*Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

UMH 361

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 1:4-20

p. 402

The Gospel Reading – Mark 13:1-8, 24-32

p. 1527

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“When the Unthinkable Happens”

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:** Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

“Only Trust Him”

UMH 337

*The Charge and the Blessing

Beloved, be encouraged in the Lord, and do not be led astray. Stand firm in the witness of the gospel and do good deeds, all for the glory of God.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you, this day and forevermore. **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. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card and place it into the offering plate during the collection. We hope you will feel God's blessing during this time together.

Assisting with Worship

Today:

November 22:

Scripture Readers:

Pam Hunter (8:30)

Lucy Willard (8:30)

Greeters:

Kenny Newton (11:00)

Stephenie Newton (11:00)

Children's Church (11:00)

Tina Lauber

Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, and serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. Please see Pastor Mike for the sign-up sheet.



Our Advent and Christmas Sermon Series will begin on Sunday, November 29. Christmas time comes and most of us get excited about receiving gifts that we've been anticipating all year. Typically, though, we aren't as thrilled to get gifts we need like socks and underwear. In this series, we'll explore why we should ask for what we need instead of what we want. And usually what we need the most turns out to be the Best Gift Ever.

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

Contact us by email: Pastor Mike is at reaves.michael.b@gmail.com
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MINISTERS:

BISHOP

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN

All Members

Young Jin Cho

Theodore Smith

Michael B. Reaves

Marie Williams

Elizabeth Pruett

This Week: November 15 - 22, 2015

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	11:00am	Worship
	2:00pm	Operation Christmas Child Wrapping Party
Wednesday, 11/18	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Sunday, 11/22	<u>Harvest Celebration Sunday</u>	
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

Upcoming:

Tuesday, 11/24	11:00am	Advent Study Week 1, Daytime Class
	7:00pm	Advent Study Week 1, Nighttime Class
Thursday, 11/26	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	
Friday, 11/27	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 11/29	<u>Last Sunday to Return Apple Tree Gifts</u>	
Saturday, 12/5	9:30am	UMW Meeting
Sunday, 12/6	<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>	
Thursday, 12/10	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
	7:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
Sunday, 12/6	<u>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</u>	
Sunday, 12/13	<u>Loose Change Collection</u>	
	9:30	Coffee Fellowship
Thursday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Birthdays This Week

11/17 Roger Williams 11/18 Chloe Hartung

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Apple Tree Gifts: Three children have not been claimed. Please return the gifts no later than Sunday, November 29. You can still buy a board game that is listed on the insert, donate wrapping paper, or purchase approved gifts for the inmates.

Operation Christmas Child: Today is the last day to bring your shoeboxes to church. We will have lots of fun wrapping gifts and enjoying the real meaning of Christmas today at 2:00 p.m. See Marie Smith for more details.

“Called to Remember... Called to Give Thanks... Called to Give” is the theme of our Stewardship emphasis for 2016. Estimate of Giving Cards are available in the entrance. Our stewardship campaign concludes on November 22 with our Harvest Celebration Sunday.

Advent Devotionals Are Here

Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2015 is a booklet of daily devotions for Advent that helps people step back from the bustle and stress of the season and prepare heart and mind to rejoice in God’s loving gift, Jesus Christ. Each daily devotion includes a recommended Scripture reading, a Bible verse, an inspiring message, and an uplifting prayer.

The season of Advent provides an opportunity for spiritual renewal for followers of Christ. But often what happens is that we get so caught up in the hurry and rush, the hustle and bustle, the frantic pace of the season that we emerge more spiritually exhausted than refreshed. The purpose of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2015* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2015* today. You can find them on the table below the literature rack in the entrance to the sanctuary and also in the hallway near the Pastor’s Office.

Prayer Concerns

Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher’s Chapel and our community; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Colleen Bowie, Jeanne Bullock, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Allyn Highfield, Grace Hunberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Audrey Schindel, Clifton Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Thomas Bowen, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Warren Fletcher, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Alvin Gill, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, David Lee, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Hubert Roberson, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, 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.

Advent Study: *The Gift of New Hope*

Make this year's Advent even more special than usual. Prepare your heart and life for the celebration of Christ's birth with *The Gift of New Hope*, a study of the lectionary Bible readings for Advent and Christmas. By following the lectionary, your study of the Bible and your prayers will be in tune with your pastor's sermon. You'll have a better understanding of the flow of the Scripture readings chosen for the season. Be ready to claim and celebrate the new hope we have in Jesus Christ!

The Gift of New Hope is based on the *Revised Common Lectionary* scriptures for church year C, the third of a three-year cycle of Bible readings. The study includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Epistles. It offers the opportunity to explore these Bible readings in a five-session study.

The first class will meet on Tuesday, November 24. The class will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please register for the class by filling out the form below. The books will be available on Sunday, November 15.

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_____ Yes, I am interested in participating in the Advent Bible Study

Name _____

The best time for me to participate is: _____ 11:00 a.m. _____ 7:00 p.m.

_____ I need more information before I decide

The best time to contact me is: _____ Daytime _____ Evening _____ Email

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Advent/Christmas Sermon Series
Socks and Underwear: Not What You Want... But What You Need



**first sunday
of advent**

November 29: Unexpected Gift
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

December 6: Gift Return
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



**second sunday
of advent**



**third sunday
of advent**

December 13: Gift Received
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

December 20: The Best Gift Ever
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



**fourth sunday
of advent**



*Christmas Eve
Communion*

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
A Service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
(7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 27: The Day After
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

