

THEN LET US ALL WITH ONE ACCORD

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord

WHO HATH MADE HEAV'N AND EARTH

of naught, And with His blood

MANKIND HATH BOUGHT.



LOVE

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***The Call to Worship**

Look said the prophet: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son".

You shall call him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us".

He will be born of the line of David and of his kingdom there will be no end.

You shall call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

In him all the promises made from the beginning of time to the end shall come true.

By him the fullness of God's love shall shine upon the whole world.

The Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath Meditation & Lighting (see insert)

***Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234

The Opening Prayer

You came then as a babe in a manger; you come now as our Lord and Savior. Be with us as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Come in all your healing and compassionate power to reveal yourself to us through word, image and song. Do not hide from us, but welcome us as we come, not just to peer curiously in a manger, but to offer ourselves in adoration and service.
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**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

UMH 230

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Micah 5:2-5a

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The Gospel Reading – Luke 2:1-14

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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

“Socks & Underwear – The Best Gift Ever”

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:** Generous God, in this season of love and giving, we can never out-give you. Like the child who came to save us, we seek to grow in wisdom and in your favor. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

***The Charge and the Blessing:**

The light shines even in the darkness, and the darkness will never be overcome. Go forth always to walk in the light. **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. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card and place it into the offering plate during the collection.

Our Thanks to Those Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Readers: Tina Lauber (8:30)
Advent Wreath: Pam Hunter (8:30)
Ron and Robin DeWaters (11:00)

Assisting with Worship December 27:

Scripture Readers: Lucy Willard (8:30)
Greeters: Kenny Newton (11:00)

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service: Join us on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. for a service of lessons and carols, the celebration of Holy Communion and will conclude as we sing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

Thank You for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2016. Extra cards are available in the church office. To date, we have received fourteen cards. Please see Pastor Mike if you have any questions.

About Fletcher's Chapel Church

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Ministers:	All Members
Pastor:	Michael B. Reaves
Lay Leader:	Marie Williams
Musician:	Elizabeth Pruett

December 20 - 27, 2015

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Tues	2:00pm	Advent Study Week 5, Daytime Class
	7:00pm	Advent Study Week 5, Nighttime Class
Thurs, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

Upcoming:

Wed, 12/30	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben
Sun, 1/3	<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>	
Wed, 1/6	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Sun, 1/10	<u>Loose Change Collection</u>	

Birthdays This Week

12/20 Addison Hilton **12/22** Dwayne Hilton, Jr.
12/24 Natalie Rand **12/25** Kenny Rand, Carol Williams
12/27 D. J. Hawkins, Jesse Radolinski

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We hope you have a very Merry Christmas! If you are traveling, please be safe! Enjoy the time with family and friends as you celebrate our Savior's birth.

Advent Study – Daytime Class Time Change! The daytime class for the Advent Study will meet at 2:00pm this week. Please note the change of time.

Peace Love **JOY** *Peace Love* **JOY**

Advent & Christmas Series – Socks and Underwear:
Not What You Want, But What You Need

Sunday, November 29: Unexpected Gift

Sunday, December 6: Gift Return

Sunday, December 13: Gift Received

Sunday, December 20: 'The Best Gift Ever

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

A Service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 27: The Day After

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, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, 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, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Betty Jubb, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, 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, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer and Sympathies to Billie Jo Hal & Bobbie Jo Finch on the passing of their father, Denver Kidd, Sr. on Tuesday, December 15.

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE

Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

[The candles of hope, peace, and joy are lit.]

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. God's love is a perfect love. It holds nothing back. God, in love, gives us everything we need to live a life of hope and peace. The bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Jesus shows us God's perfect love.

This is what love is like: Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true.

There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance.

Love never ends. We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus brings us God's love and shows us how to love others.

[The candle of love is lit.]

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: **Thank you God for the love you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

Sung Response:

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to point us to heaven above,
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.