

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

*The Responsive Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent (insert)

Lighting the Advent Candle Pam & Troy Thompson (8:30)
Stephenie & Kenny Newton (11:00)

Advent Reflection on Romans 10:16-17

Opening Prayer:

Father, we have heard enough to believe. Help us not to hear only, but to trust. You have said we can live forever by trusting you. Like so many before us, we believe in Jesus. **Amen.**

The Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Time *(Canned food collected after the message)*

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns
The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230

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 9:2-7 p. 1041

The Gospel Reading – John 1:1-18 p. 1594

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

Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message “Love Revealed: to Give Life”

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,
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***The Doxology**

***The Prayer of Dedication:** With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. **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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MINISTERS:	All Members
PRESIDING BISHOP:	Sharma D. Lewis
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:	Theodore Smith
PASTOR:	Michael B. Reaves
LAY LEADER:	Marie Williams
MUSICIAN:	Elizabeth Pruett

December 4, 2016 – December 11, 2016

TODAY	Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection	
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	3:00pm	Parsonage Open House
Tuesday, 12/6	11:00am	Advent Study Daytime Session Week 2
	7:00pm	Advent Study Evening Session Week 2
Wednesday, 12/7	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday, 12/10	9:30am	United Methodist Women
Sunday, 12/11	Loose Change Collection	
	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Coffee Hour (There will be door prizes!)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

Upcoming:

Thursday, 12/15	7:00pm	Finance Committee
	7:30pm	Administrative Council
Sunday, 12/18	7:00pm	Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long/Fellowship Time
Friday, 12/23	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Saturday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, 12/25	Christmas Day – Special Schedule (see insert)	

Birthdays This Week

12/8 John Stevens II

12/10 Elizabeth Pruett



Advent Devotionals Are Here

Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2016 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 2016* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2016* today. You can find them on the table below the literature rack in the entrance to the sanctuary and on the hallway table near the Pastor's Office.

Church Calendars are Here! Please take a 2017 calendar for your home. This poster-size calendar features a picture of the church on a snowy day with a bright blue sky.

Thank You for your support of Apple Tree! Your response this year was the best yet. The people at Kingsway Prison and Outreach are very appreciative of your help this Christmas.

Help a Family in Need This Christmas: Janet Harris invites you to help a local family who have been on our prayer list for the past year. If you are interested, please see Janet for more information.

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.

Advent Candle Lighters Needed: We will need volunteers to light the Advent Wreath at both worship services on December 11, and 18. A family, siblings, or friends can do this together and it works best with at least two people. Please let Pastor Mike know if you are willing to help.

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council will meet on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. **Please note this is a change in date.**

Christmas Carol Sing Along and Fellowship Time: You are invited to bring your family and friends on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00pm and join us as we sing Christmas carols. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship in the fellowship hall afterwards.

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: Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, John Earl Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Ray Highfield, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Turner Minx, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley 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, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Larry Green, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, John Jones, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Paul Morfit, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

A Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

**Christmas Day Worship
Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 a.m.**

No Sunday School Classes

One Worship Service

Carol Sing

Blessing of the Toys

(Bring a Toy from Christmas Morning)

Spontaneous Nativity Play

Brief Message

