

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1-3) UMH 234

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

Lighting the Advent Candle The Lauber Family (8:30)
Diane Newton and Debbie Rogers (11:00)

Advent Reflection on Matthew 1:21

Opening Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for keeping your promise to come into our world. Thank you for your many promises kept and anticipated. In the name of Christ, the promised Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

The Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Time (*Loose Change collected after*)

Time of Sharing and Prayer

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

***Hymn** "Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 1-3) UMH 239

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, your Word is a precious gift to us. Open our hearts and prepare our minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed in a way that is pleasing to you. **Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading – Isaiah 7:10-16 p. 1039

Special Music Kay Roy

The Second Scripture Reading – Matthew 1:18-25 p.1450

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

Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message “Love Revealed: To Forgive Sins”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Music

***The Doxology**

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Gracious God, we thank you for this season of carols and gifts, and for your most precious gift of Jesus. We offer you our lives and these gifts: our hopes and our plans, our work and our play. May love and justice blossom from our gifts. **Amen.**

***Hymn** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

***The Blessing and Dismissal:**

Look, the young woman is with child. She shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel - God with us. Nothing can separate us from the love of the Lord who comes to us in human form and who promises to be with us always.

And may the grace of our coming Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of the God who sent him, and the joy of the Holy Spirit who empowers us to receive him, be with us always. **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.*

Assisting with Worship	Today	December 18, 2016
Scripture Readers	Tina Lauber (8:30)	Lucy Willard (8:30)
Greeters	Kenny Newton (11:00)	Kenny Newton (11:00)

Volunteers Needed for January and February: The sign-up sheet is on the front center pew.

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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MINISTERS:

PRESIDING BISHOP:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members
Sharma D. Lewis
Theodore Smith
Michael B. Reaves
Marie Williams
Kay Roy

December 11, 2016 – December 18, 2016

TODAY	Loose Change Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:30am Coffee Hour (There will be door prizes!)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Tuesday, 12/13	11:00am Advent Study Daytime Session Week 3
	7:00pm Advent Study Evening Session Week 3
Thursday, 12/15	7:00pm Finance Committee
	7:30pm Administrative Council
Sunday, 12/18	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
	7:00pm Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long/Fellowship Time

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 12/21	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
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)	
Sunday, 1/1/17	Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection	

Birthdays This Week

12/12 Elizabeth Rand



Our Prayers and Sympathies go to Robin DeWaters and her family. Robin's uncle, Taylor Williamson, Jr. (Uncle Junior) passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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.



Coffee Fellowship this morning from 9:30 – 10:00. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of refreshment as we celebrate with a Christmas theme. We need volunteers to sponsor the Coffee Fellowship in 2017. Please see Pastor Mike if you would like to host a Coffee Fellowship.

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council will meet on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

Thank You for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2017. Extra cards are available in the church office. To date, we have received fourteen cards. Please see Pastor Mike if you have any questions

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.

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.

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, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2016

The poinsettias which bring beauty to our sanctuary this day were given as a tribute or a memorial to the following people.

In Memory of:

Nellie and George W. Clatterbuck by George and Pat Clatterbuck

Jake Duvall by George and Pat Clatterbuck

John M. Coates by Delores Coates

Shirley Eaton by Delores Coates

My Faye by Sherman Coates, Diane Oliver and Patty Cochran

Ronnie DeWaters (Ron's Dad) by Ron, Robin, and Collin DeWaters

Dorothy McCallie (Robin's Mom) by Ron, Robin, and Collin DeWaters

Taylor Williamson, Jr. by Ron and Robin DeWaters

Allyn Highfield by Ray Highfield

Diane Donley by Bob and Pam Hunter

Lola Hunter by Bob and Pam Hunter

Freda Coates (mother) by Diane Newton and Debbie Rogers

Myrton and Estelle Henderson by Diane Newton and Debbie Rogers

James and Loise Fletcher by Kenny and Stephenie Newton

Bernard and Edna Haid by Kenny and Stephenie Newton

Archie and Esther Newton by Kenny and Stephenie Newton

Bobby K. Newton by Kenny and Stephenie Newton

Carolyn Watson (sister) by Linda H. Newton

Thomas Haid (brother) by Linda H. Newton

Daryl Roy by Kay Roy and D.J. Hawkins
Arnold Hawkins by Kay Roy and D.J. Hawkins
A.J. and Betty Roy by Kay Roy and D.J. Hawkins
Marty Minx by Robert and Sherry Minx
Ramon Minx by Robert and Sherry Minx
Ruby Newton by Robert and Sherry Minx
Elizabeth Custalow by Robert and Sherry Minx
August “Mickey” Schenemann by Robert and Sherry Minx
Tony Greenhalgh by Pam and Troy Thompson
Keith Sager by Howie, Lisa, and Jimmy Weadon
Mike Pruett by Lisa Weadon

In Honor of:

Mary, Jerry, and Bert by Lucille Gordon
Our Families by The Laubers
Ruby Hawkins by Kay Roy and D.J. Hawkins
Liz Pruett by Howie, Lisa and Jimmie Weadon
Janet Harris by Howie, Lisa, and Jimmy Weadon

*Please remove your poinsettias from the sanctuary
after the Christmas Eve service*



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



