

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**The Prelude**

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH 238

**\*The Responsive Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Lighting the Advent Candles** Scott & Carol Kieffer (8:30)  
John & Lori Radolinski (11:00)

**Advent Reflection on 1 Corinthians 13:13**

**Opening Prayer**

We are surrounded by your love, Lord. Thank you for the gift of the people we love. Help us not to take them for granted. You are the greatest of all our gifts, Jesus. We cannot praise you enough. In your name, **Amen.**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Children's Time**

**Time of Sharing and Prayer**

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

**\*Hymn** "Away in a Manger" UMH 217

### **Prayer for Illumination:**

Heavenly Father of Jesus Christ, anoint the reading and preaching of these words today with the fire of your Spirit that can bring the story to life with all its power at work in us. To God be the glory. **Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading** – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 p. 1730

**The Gospel Reading** – Luke 2:8-20 p. 1541

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

**Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Message** “Love Revealed: Love is Here”

### **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**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Holy Child of God and of Mary Virgin, heaven and earth are your homes, temple and stable are hallowed by your presence. We bring our gifts to you so that the good news of peace may continue to sound in earth and heaven, echoed by human voices, the voice of your church. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH 251

### **\*The Blessing and Dismissal:**

We have waited, but soon we will wait no longer. The celebration of the birth of Christ is almost upon us. May your time with friends and family be sweet, may the memories you make be unforgettable. These are the moments when we see Christ. Do not miss him. Do not forget him. Welcome him into your homes and lives as you eat and drink and give gifts. As you leave here today, go in joy. Go in hope. Go in peace. **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 25, 2016**

**Scripture Readers** Lucy Willard (8:30) Tina Lauber (11:00)

**Greeters** Kenny Newton (11:00) Stephenie 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:** “<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and 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**

**Elizabeth Pruet**

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**December 18, 2016 – December 25, 2016**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	<b>10:00am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
<b>Tuesday, 12/20</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Advent Study Daytime Session Week 4
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Advent Study Evening Session Week 4
<b>Wednesday, 12/21</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Friday, 12/23</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Saturday, 12/24</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Christmas Eve Service
<b>Sunday, 12/25</b>	<b>Christmas Day – Special Schedule</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship

**Upcoming:**

<b>Sunday, 1/1/17</b>	<b>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</b>	
<b>Sunday, 1/8/17</b>	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>	
<b>Wednesday, 1/11</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Morning Prayer Group

**Birthdays This Week**

**12/19** Brooke Ayers    **12/20** Addie Hilton    **12/22** Dwayne Hilton, Jr.  
**12/24** Natalie Rand    **12/25** Kenny Rand, Carol Williams



**Our Prayers and Sympathies** go to Lucille Gordon whose sister, Elva Kilby, passed away on Friday, December 9, 2016 in Troutville, VA

**Christmas Carol Sing Along and Fellowship Time:** You are invited to bring your family and friends tonight 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.

**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.

**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.

**Be a Part of The Story!** The Fellowship Class will begin a 31-week study on The Story: The Bible as One Continuous Story of God and His People on Sunday, January 8 during the Sunday School time. The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption – and this story’s true! If you are not currently a member of a Sunday School class, this will be a great place to start. See Pastor Mike if you would like a copy of the book.

**Morning Prayer Group to Begin in 2017:** Join Pastor Mike on Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00am for a weekly prayer group. If you are available and willing to commit to meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays, please speak with the pastor.

**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.

**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.

## **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, 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*





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## **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

