

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they
will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they
will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for
they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people
revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on
my account. Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven.

Matthew 5.3-12

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

As we begin our worship this morning, reflect on the wonderful ways God has proved his love to you.

God has blessed us with guidance, comfort, strength, love, and forgiveness. God has been very good to us!

God has saved us to live a new life; a life of righteousness, love, and fellowship with him.

May the worship we give to God be this kind of life, lived in thanksgiving for our salvation.

*Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

The Opening Prayer

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. **Amen**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

*Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross”

UMH 504

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. **Amen.**

The Scripture Reading – Micah 6:1-8

p. 1405

Special Music

Kay Roy

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

p. 1454

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“The Great Invitation: #Blessed”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Music

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** We thank you, God that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. **Amen.**

***Hymn** “Precious Name (Take the Name of Jesus with You)”

UMH 536

***The Charge and Blessing:**

In the spirit of the beatitudes, commit to leading a life of blessing, living in compassion, simplicity, and peace.

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine brightly on your path as you walk the way of justice and peace. And the blessing of God – the Creator, Healer, and Giver of Life – bless you and keep you always. **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.*

Assisting with Worship

Today

January 29, 2017

Scripture Readers

Linda Newton (8:30)

Tina Lauber (8:30)

Stephenie Newton (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.

Welcome Cards – We welcome all our guests. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection.

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

January 29, 2017 – February 5, 2017

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Wednesday, 2/1	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Friday, 2/3	5:00pm	Girl Scouts
Saturday, 2/4	Chat & Chew: A Listening Session with Bishop Sharma Lewis	
Sunday, 2/5	Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection	
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Upcoming:

Wednesday, 2/8	10:00am	Morning Prayer Group
Thursday, 2/9	7:00pm	Finance Committee
	7:30pm	Administrative Council
Saturday, 2/11	9:30am	United Methodist Women
Sunday, 2/12	Loose Change Collection	
	9:30am	Coffee Fellowship
Friday, 2/17	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center

Birthdays This Week

1/29 Troy Thompson **2/3** Kristen Ayers



“The Great Invitation Continues Today”

As we continue our series, “The Great Invitation,” we are going to be talking about evangelism. In particular, we will be exploring the role of all baptized believers in the evangelistic mission of the church by encouraging disciples to share their faith and invite someone who is not yet a follower of Jesus Christ to come and see who he is.

Today our message is “**#Blessed**” – We’ve seen Jesus in action. Now we settle in for the first of four weeks to hear him teach his first disciples with a large crowd in the background. Today he sets us straight about who and what God’s kingdom is blessing in the world.

The hashtag **#blessed** is one of the most popular hashtags on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. As of this writing, on Instagram alone there are over 66 million posts with that hashtag! So, the word “blessed” still has high currency in U.S. culture.

The question is whether what others call blessed is what Jesus calls blessed. Sometimes it is. Sometimes it’s not. And sometimes it’s hard to tell.

Today is about making it less hard to tell.

(Next week’s message: “Salt and Light and Righteousness Abounding”)

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.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to provide refreshments (doughnuts, muffins, fruit, etc.), make coffee, and prepare the Fellowship Hall in advance. Please see Pastor Mike if you are able to volunteer in January or any other month.

Morning 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.

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, Turner Minx, Jesse Radolinski, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Howie Weadon

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Mitchell Burroughs, 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, 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