

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**Keep awake  
therefore,  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour.**

**Matthew 25.13**



*The Prelude*

## **\*Chiming of the Hour**

### **\*The Call to Worship**

People of God, listen:

**the Lord has done marvelous things.**

Teach your children all that God has done

**so that they may live in hope and die in peace.**

### **\*Hymn**

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

UMH 185

## **The Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the entire world free. **Amen.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Children’s Message (Loose Change Collection)**

### **Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

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

### **\*Hymn**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading** – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

p. 1781

**The Gospel Reading** – Matthew 25:1-13

p. 1492

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

## Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Message**                    “Being Ready”

### **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:** Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                            “Shall We Gather at the River”

UMH 723

### **\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Keep awake, for Christ is coming to gather us to his welcome table, where we will feast in joy.

May the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God uphold you, and the Holy Spirit spark you with unquenchable fire as you wait and work for the kingdom to come. **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**

**November 19, 2017**

**Scripture Readers** \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Newton (8:30)

**Greeters** \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers Needed:** The sign-up sheet for November and December is available now.

**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:**

**All Members**

**PRESIDING BISHOP:**

**Sharma D. Lewis**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Theodore Smith**

**PASTOR:**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**LAY LEADER:**

**Marie William**

**MUSICIAN**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

**November 12, 2017 – November 19, 2017**

<b>Sunday, 11/12</b>	<b>Last Day to Return Shoe Boxes</b>
	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:30am</b> Coffee Fellowship (Linda Newton & Troy Thompson)
	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship
<b>Wednesday, 11/15</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Heritage Hall Nursing Home
<b>Friday, 11/17</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Saturday, 11/18</b>	<b>9:00am</b> District Conference/Training Day
	<b>11:00am</b> Baby Shower for Britta Baxter (Social Hall)
<b>Sunday, 11/19</b>	<b>Harvest Celebration Sunday</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School Opening
	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship

**Upcoming:**

<b>Weds, 11/22</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Morning Prayer Group Ministry
<b>Tuesday, 11/28</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	Advent Study Daytime Session Week 1
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Advent Study Evening Session Week 1
<b>Saturday, 12/2</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Decorate Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, 12/3</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
		<b>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</b>
<b>Saturday, 12/9</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	United Methodist Women
<b>Thursday, 12/14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Finance Committee
	<b>7:30pm</b>	Administrative Council
<b>Sunday, 12/24</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Christmas Eve Service

**Birthdays This Week**

**11/12** Tina Lauber **11/17** Roger Williams **11/18** Chloe Hartung



**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.



**Support the Thurman Brisben Center** at Sedona Taphouse each Monday in November. Sedona has chosen Brisben as its beneficiary for its **November Steak Out for Charity**. Visit Sedona on any Monday in November for lunch or dinner AND order the Black Angus Flat-Iron Steak with garlic-whipped potatoes (a \$15.90 value for \$6!). For each steak ordered, Sedona will donate \$1 to Brisben. A beverage purchase (soda, tea or coffee) is required. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every Monday in November. See you there!

**Baby Shower:** All ladies of the Church are invited to attend a shower for Britta Baxter on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00am in the Church Social Hall

**Veterans Day was Saturday, November 11.** We will take time to recognize and honor our veterans this morning during the Worship hour. We thank God and our Veterans for our freedoms.

**Apple Tree Gifts:** Five children have not been claimed. Please return the gifts no later than Sunday, December 3. You can still buy a board game that is listed on the insert, donate wrapping paper, or purchase approved gifts for the inmates.

## **Advent Study “Because of Bethlehem” begins Tuesday, November 28**

Max Lucado loves Christmas. The carols and cookies, the decorations and favorite films, the warmth and generosity of the season. But most of all, he loves it because it's during this time of year that people will wonder and inquire about the baby born in the manger. This little baby became the King on the cross. Christmas proclaims the truth of Easter to come.

Join with Max in this lively, heartwarming celebration of all things Christmas. *Because of Bethlehem* features stories both insightful and whimsical. On every page, Max's words will encourage, captivate and inspire you, but most importantly, they'll point you towards the One worth celebrating. See Pastor Mike to sign up for this four-session study.

## **Advent Devotionals Are Here**

*Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2017* 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 2017* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2017* 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 new restrooms,

## **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, Shannon Hartung, Louise Henderson, Bob Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Turner Minx, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Howie Weadon

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Gavin Balderson, Mikie Barker, Mitchell Burroughs, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Elwood Coates, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, David Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Theresa Guarracino, Chip Hall, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Al Keyes, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Jim McCurtain, Paul Morfit, Mike Nave, Daniel (D.P.) Newton, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Dickie Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Mike Warnke, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

***Prayer Request Cards*** are available in the pew rack