

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost, November 19, 2017

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship Psalm 100 UMH 821

*Hymn "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH694

Litany of Thanksgiving & Opening Prayer (see insert)

Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Message

The Stewardship Minute – "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace"

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

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

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs, 1-2, 5-6)" UMH 92

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 p. 1781

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-20 p. 1493

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

The Message “The Parable of the Talents”

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** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Time, talents and gifts You bring to us, O Lord, in Your faithful people. Accept us, and use us, and these our tithes and offerings, for the extension of Your Kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn** “Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH 399

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go forth with thankful hearts. Go forth into the world with God’s renewing and strengthening Spirit. May that Spirit fill us full of praise and joyous affirmations of life. **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 26, 2017****Scripture Readers**

Linda Newton (8:30)

Volunteer Needed**Greeters**

Stephenie Newton (11:00)

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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:**PRESIDING BISHOP:****DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:****PASTOR:****LAY LEADER:****MUSICIAN****All Members****Sharma D. Lewis****Theodore Smith****Michael B. Reaves****Marie William****Elizabeth Pruett**

November 19, 2017 – November 26, 2017

Sunday, 11/19	Harvest Celebration Sunday
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Wednesday, 11/22	10:00am Morning Prayer Group Ministry
Thursday, 11/23	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, 11/26	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Tuesday, 11/28	11:00am Advent Study Daytime Session Week 1
	7:00pm Advent Study Evening Session Week 1
Wednesday, 11/29	7:00pm Girl Scouts
Saturday, 12/2	9:00am Decorate Sanctuary
Sunday, 12/3	First Sunday of Advent
	Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection
Wednesday	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home
Saturday, 12/9	9:30am United Methodist Women
Sunday, 12/10	Loose Change Collection/Coffee Fellowship
Thursday, 12/14	7:00pm Finance Committee
	7:30pm Administrative Council
Friday, 12/15	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 12/24	7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Birthdays This Week

11/23 Duane Randall

11/25 Ruby Hawkins



Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

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!

Harvest Celebration Sunday: Today we conclude our stewardship emphasis. If you are prepared to submit your Estimate of Giving for 2018, we will collect them during the Offering. In your bulletin is an Estimate of Giving Card with an envelope. Fill the card out, place it back in the envelope, and put it in the collection plate when the ushers come to you. You are not required to fill out a card.

Operation Christmas Child: Thanks to everyone who helped pack a shoebox. Twenty-Two shoeboxes were packed here at Fletcher's Chapel and were delivered to a local collection site.

Apple Tree Gifts: All 13 children have 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 Begins Sunday, December 3: We will need volunteers to light the Advent Wreath at both worship services all four Sundays. 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.

Advent/Christmas Decorating: If you have an hour to spare on **Saturday, December 2** at 9:00 a.m. come and help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

The Fellowship Class will begin a 5-week study on the book “Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break” on Sunday, November 26 during the Sunday School time. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class, consider being part of this study. The Fellowship Class is taught by Pastor Mike and meets in the downstairs classroom.

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