

*The Prelude*

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

Scripture: Isaiah 60:2-3

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope of salvation.

**\*The Call to Worship**

Keep awake.

**Christ is Coming.**

Wait for the Lord.

**Love is coming.**

Prepare the way.

**Hope is coming.**

Worship the Lord.

**Christ is coming soon.**

\*Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211

**\*The Opening Prayer**

**God of power and might, your majesty is greater than the highest mountain, your glory more radiant than the summer sun. As the days grow dark and the sun's light wanes, warm our hearts with the radiance of your love, that we might find our courage and walk by the light of the moon. As nations rise up against nation strengthen our desire for peace in your name, that we might beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Amen**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Children's Message (Canned Food Collection)**

**Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Joys and Concerns

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

\*Hymn "Soon and Very Soon" UMH 706

\*Psalter Psalm 122 UMH 845

\*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

\*Gloria Patri UMH 70

**The Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**

\*The Doxology UMH 95

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** We may not know the day or time of your coming, but we know that it is time to wake from sleep and to put on the armor of light. In gratefulness for calling us as your own we offer you our thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hands and use them to bring light to the darkness and hope to places of despair, through your Son the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading – Romans 13:11-14** p. 1709

**The Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44** p. 1491

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Message** *Clean the House*

**Service of Holy Communion** UMH 7

\*Hymn "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" UMH 218

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Go forth in faith during this season of Advent and put on the armor of Christ's light.

**As the days grow short and the sun's light wanes, we will shine for all the world to see.**

Go forth in love during this time of waiting and embrace the peace that passes all understanding.

**As disciples of the Prince of Peace we will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Go with God. **Amen**

\*Response "Blest Be the Tie That binds (v. 1) UMH 557

**\*Chiming of the Trinity/Postlude**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

<u>Assisting with Worship</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Dec 8, 2019</u>
Scripture Readers		Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer 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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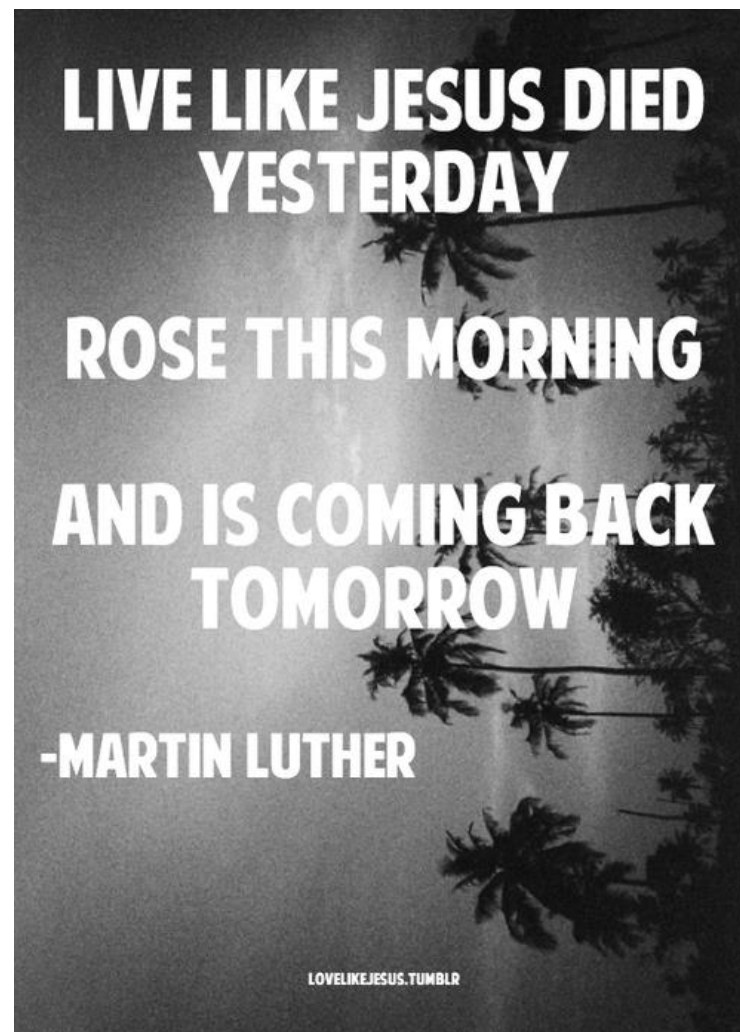
<b>MINISTERS:</b>	<b>All Members</b>
<b>PRESIDING BISHOP:</b>	<b>Sharma D. Lewis</b>
<b>DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:</b>	<b>Charles Bates</b>
<b>PASTOR:</b>	<b>Barry Burkholder</b>
<b>LAY LEADER:</b>	<b>Marie Williams</b>
<b>MUSICIAN</b>	<b>Elizabeth Pruett</b>

## Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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First Sunday of Advent, Dec 1, 2019 9:00 a.m.

# Announcements

Dec 1, 2019 – Dec 8, 2019

**Sunday, Dec 1**      **Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection**  
**10:15am**      Sunday School Opening

**Wed, Dec 4**      **9:30am**      Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry

**Sunday, Dec 8**      **Loose Change Collection/Coffee Fellowship**  
**9:00am**      Worship  
**10:00am**      Coffee Fellowship  
 (Hosted by Kenny & Stephenie Newton)

## Upcoming:

**Weds, Dec 11**      **10:00am**      Morning Prayer Group

**Thurs, Dec 12**      **6:00pm**      Finance Committee  
                          **6:00pm**      Administrative Council

**Sunday, Dec 15**      **9:00am**      Worship  
                          **10:15am**      Sunday School Opening

**Wed, Dec 18**      **9:30am**      Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry

**Sunday, Dec 22**      **9:00am**      Worship  
                          **10:15am**      Sunday School Opening

**Tues, Dec 24**      **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Weds, Dec 25**      **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Tues, Dec 31**      **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

## Birthdays

12/3 Debbie Rogers, 12/10 Elizabeth Pruett, 12/12 Elizabeth Rand,  
 12/16 Jade Smith, 12/19 Brooke Ayers, 12/20 Addie Hilton,  
 12/22 Dwayne Hilton, Jr., 12/24 Natalie Rand,  
 12/25 Kenny Rand, Carol Williams  
 12/27 D.J. Hawkins, Jesse Radolinski, 12/30 Luke Stevens

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**Canned Food Offering Today!** The Canned Food Offering is collected on the first Sunday of each month. This food will be sent to the King George Social Services Food Bank. King George County residents who need assistance may receive a two- or three-day emergency supply of food once a month with proof of residency.

**The ladies of the UMW** are collecting coloring books with pencils sets and Word Search books from the Dollar Stores. They plan on giving them to the Nursing Home at Christmas for the patients. If you want to go ahead and start buying them, just bring them to church with you and put them on the bench in the AMEN corner. If you need more information, please see either Pam Hunter or one of the other members.

**Prayer Concerns list:** A reminder. You may fill out the blue Prayer Request Card and place it in the Offering Plate to have someone added to the Prayer list, especially if you would like a call or visit from Barry. Please let Barry or Debbie Rogers know when someone should be removed.

**Please let Deborah (Debbie) Rogers** know of any upcoming announcements or calendar events that you would like to have included in the bulletin, on the website calendar and/or announced on the church Facebook page! Please also notify me of any cancellations as soon as possible so we can let everyone know ahead of time! The bulletin is completed by every **Thursday afternoon at the latest** so it can be printed on Friday morning. Debbie can be reached at: [rcsmom@msn.com](mailto:rcsmom@msn.com) or at 540-273-1459. If it is a last-minute change or addition, please call as that is the quickest way to reach me and I may not see the email in time. Thank you for your assistance!

**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 her cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Dee Campbell, Delores Coates, John Earl Coates, Robin DeWaters, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Grace Radolinski, Bob Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Turner Minx, David Pitts, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Gavin Balderson, Donnie Bullock, Mitchell Burroughs, Barbara Canady, JoAnn Carpenter, Drew Cleveland, Judy DeWaters, Anne Emery, Judy Fisher, David Frazier, Frazier Family, Gage Ford & Family, Bobby Garner, John Gayle, Anna Graninger, Chip Hall, Clair Hunkins, David Kane, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Nancy Chappell Madison, Jim McCurtain, Jennifer Paling, Joey Rowe, Brian Scott, Jean Stone, Billy Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Mike Warnke, Fred Weaver, Robin Wolanin, Cynne White Wolf

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