

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

***The Call to Worship**

Wait for the Lord. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear once more.

Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.

The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.

All things will be made new.

Come! Let us Worship!

*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

***The Opening Prayer**

As the days darken and the winter winds blow, come to us, Promised One, in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where the blind receive their sight, the lame are made to walk, and the lowly are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Live in and through us during this Advent season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Joys and Concerns

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

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

*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: Just as a farmer waits patiently for the rains to nourish the crops of the fields, you call us to be patient as we wait for our gifts to bear fruit and bless those in need. For you fill the hungry with good things and show mercy to your people. As we dedicate today's offering to your use, give us the wisdom to be faithful stewards of your gifts; give us the strength to be holy instruments of your love and grace. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – James 5:7-10 p. 1824

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 11: 2-11 p. 1465

Prayer for Illumination

The Message *The Real Deal and the Promotion*

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go and tell others what you hear and see.

The blind receive sight and the lame walk.

Go and tell others the hope we have found.

The deaf hear and the dead are raised.

Go and tell others the promise of God's kingdom.

The poor receive justice and mercy and the weak find strength.

Go and proclaim the good news.

There is new life in Christ. Amen.

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

***Chiming of the Trinity/Postlude**

**Please stand as you are able.*

Assisting with Worship	Today	Dec 22, 2019
Scripture Readers	Pam Hunter	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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the blind see

the lame walk

lepers are cured

the deaf hear

the dead are raised

AND THE GOOD NEWS?

It is being preached

to the poor!

Mt. 11:2-11



Third Sunday of Advent, Dec 15, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

Dec 15, 2019 – Dec 22, 2019

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
	2:00pm	Open House at the parsonage

Upcoming:

Tues, Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	7:00pm	Communion Service
Weds, Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
Sunday, Dec 29	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Sunday School Opening
Tues, Dec 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE	
Wed, Jan 1	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Sunday, Jan 5	Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection	
	10:15am	Sunday School Opening

Birthdays

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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You're Invited!!!

Barry and Gerry cordially invite you to an open house at the parsonage on December 22 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Come by to see firsthand the new kitchen and bathrooms that you have provided. We'll have some light refreshments and plenty of hospitality. Come help us celebrate Christmas.

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. They will be taken to the nursing home on December 18th!

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: rasmom@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.