

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**You are the  
salt of the earth;  
but if salt has  
lost its taste,  
how can  
its saltiness  
be restored?**

**Matthew 5.13**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, February 9, 2014**

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

## **The Prelude**

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

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Hymn**

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

UMH 117

## **The Opening Prayer**

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns  
The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

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

### **\*Hymn**

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

UMH 585

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## **The Epistle Reading** – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

p. 1716

## **The Gospel Reading** – Matthew 5:13-20

p. 1454

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

## **The Message**

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

#### **Special Music**

Kay Roy

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn**

*"Standing on the Promises"*

UMH 374

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

Jesus said, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

May Christ, the true light, shine upon you, that you may walk in righteousness all your days. **Amen.**

#### **\*The 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.*

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**MINISTERS:**

**All Members**

**PRESIDING BISHOP:**

**Young Jin Cho**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Theodore Smith**

**PASTOR:**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**LAY LEADER:**

**Marie Williams**

**MUSICIAN:**

**Kay Roy**

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### **Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Scripture Reader** Lucy Willard (8:30)  
**Worship Greeter** Linda Newton (8:30)  
**Children's Church:** Gail Mabe (11:00)

### **Assisting with Worship Next Sunday, February 16:**

**Scripture Reader** Pam Hunter (8:30)  
**Worship Greeter** Linda Newton (8:30)  
**Children's Church:** Lori Radolinski (11:00)

**Volunteers are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet. Scripture readers, children's message providers, greeters, children's church teachers are needed for Sundays in February.**

### **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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**Our website** is at [www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org](http://www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org) and let us know what you think! Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed.

**"Like" us on Facebook:** If you are a Facebook user, help spread the word about Fletcher's Chapel's page. Search for "Fletcher's Chapel UMC-King George, VA" and when you find our page, click "Like" so you can keep up with the latest news and events at Fletcher's Chapel.



**Program on Korea and Dessert Social Rescheduled** for Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Dessert will be served.

**Special Lenten Study Opportunity Taught by Pastor Mike**  
***Listen: Praying in a Noisy World* by Bishop Reuben Job**

We live in a world of noise. Everywhere we go, we hear sounds that compete for our minds and hearts. Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to shut out the chaos around us and focus our thoughts.

*Listen*, by Rueben P. Job, is a 40-day experience created to offer help to those new to prayer, those with a daily prayer routine, and those whose lives seem too busy to pray. With a focus on listening prayer and prayer as a two-way conversation, the experience will assist individuals and groups in building and deepening a personal prayer practice and spiritual discernment.

As we learn to listen, we find a new depth and fulfillment in our relationship with God and a new experience of God as guide and companion in our lives. The daily prayer pattern includes an invitation, silence, Bible reading, a story, guided time for reflecting and listening, and practical help for developing six specific prayer practices.

This study will be offered on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time in the Fellowship Class beginning on March 16. A weekday and/or a weeknight class will be offered beginning the week of March 10. Sign up today and indicate your preferred time to take the class. Participants will be asked to pay \$10 for the book.

**The primary way we are to obtain money is to work for it.**

*“ . . . To aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands ”*

-- 1 Thessalonians 4:11



**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; Those who are having difficulties in their marriages; The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Dave & Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Clifton Seay, Pete Sullivan, Dinah Taylor

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Shirley Cahoon, Barbara Canaday, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Virginia Garner, Alvin Gill, Christine Holdren, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolpho Pangilinan, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens, Patty Darr Sullivan, Joan Wehner, Francisca Zamora

**\*Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22405):** 40 Hickory Hill Ln, 43 Hickory Hill Ln, 55 Hickory Hill Ln, 65 Hickory Hill Ln, 106 Sandy Ridge Rd, 112 Sandy Ridge Rd, 117 Sandy Ridge Rd, 118 Sandy Ridge Rd, 124 Sandy Ridge Rd, 141 Sandy Ridge Rd, 161 Sandy Ridge Rd, 204 Sandy Ridge Rd, 211 Sandy Ridge Rd, 221 Sandy Ridge Rd, 225 Sandy Ridge Rd, 231 Sandy Ridge Rd, 240 Sandy Ridge Rd, 245 Sandy Ridge Rd, 16 Sandy Ridge Ct, 25 Sandy Ridge Ct

***Prayer Request Cards*** are available in the pew racks. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.

*\*There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church. In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list. You are encouraged to pray for these families each day during your private prayer time.*

## **Stewardship: Applying Bible Principles**

What comes to mind when someone mentions “work”? Is your initial tendency to moan and groan, wishing you could avoid work?

It might surprise you to learn that God described His creative acts as “work” and that He brought “work” into being shortly after He created man. Adam worked in the Garden before and after his fall due to his sin. Cain worked by raising vegetables. Abel worked by tending sheep. Throughout Scripture, people worked. Even the Lord Jesus worked while He was on earth, and He described God the Father as having worked. Work has always been part of God’s nature and eternal plan for mankind.

Wait a minute — If God created and owns everything, why should we His children have to work? Couldn’t He just provide for us in some supernatural way that would enable us not to have to work? Surely, God could do that, but He doesn’t do so. According to the admonition in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, one of the primary benefits from working and providing for our needs is to be able to lead lives marked by integrity and a healthy self respect. And God’s plan is that we are best able to accomplish these worthy goals by working.

God also knows that by utilizing our talents and abilities through work, He will be able to minister to others through us in an effective way. Work, then, is one of the primary avenues by which we can demonstrate our Christian faith, particularly as we do our tasks to God’s glory. Work is also the primary way through which we obtain money to give to God.

What should be the Christian’s response to work? First, thank God for work and for the ability to work. As Solomon observed, this is a “gift of God.” Second, view your work as a means of bringing glory to God. Third, whatever you do — no matter what your vocation or occupation — do it “with your might,” as unto the Lord. And finally, remember that by providing work for us to do, God enables us to give to Him and to His ministry at Fletcher’s Chapel United Methodist Church.