

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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LOVE

YOUR ENEMIES

AND

PRAY

**FOR THOSE
WHO PERSECUTE**

YOU

MATTHEW 5.44

7th Sunday after the Epiphany, February 23, 2014

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

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

God's Spirit dwells in us,

For we are God's temple.

We belong to Christ,

And Christ belongs to God. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH 395

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you make the sun rise on the evil and on the good, send rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Give us grace to follow your example and show kindness toward friend and enemy, that we may live as your children who testify to your all-inclusive love. **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

*Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

UMH 361

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by the power of your Spirit reveal to us your Word. Let us be a holy temple built on Christ, our sure foundation. **Amen.**

The Epistle Reading – Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

p. 177

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:38-48

p. 1456

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

Anthem

Kay Roy

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Almighty God, by your grace, accept our offering. Make us joyful in giving that we may grow in likeness to your supreme gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

"Where He Leads Me"

UMH 338

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go in the name of Jesus to love friend and enemy, neighbor and stranger, the righteous and the lost.

May Christ, the sure foundation, uphold you. May the Spirit, holy wisdom, guide you. May God, perfect love, grant you peace. **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.*

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. 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. Our hope is that you will feel God's blessing during this time with us.

MINISTERS:

All Members

PRESIDING BISHOP:

Young Jin Cho

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Theodore Smith

PASTOR:

Michael B. Reaves

LAY LEADER:

Marie Williams

MUSICIAN:

Kay Roy

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Reader Robert Minx (8:30)
Greeter Linda Newton (8:30)

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday, March 2:

Children's Church: Pam Hunter (11:00am)

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 March and April.

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

Contact us by email: Pastor Mike is at reaves.michael.b@gmail.com
The church address is fletcherschapel@verizon.net

Our website is at 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.

THIS WEEK: February 23 – March 2, 2014

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Tuesday, 2/25	7:00pm	Korea Program & Dessert Social
Saturday, 3/1	9:30am	UMW Meeting
Sunday, 3/2		Canned Food Offering

UPCOMING:

Wednesday, 3/5	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Wednesday, 3/5	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, 3/9		Loose Change Collection Sunday

Birthdays This Week:

2/27 Rachel Reaves

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

The United Methodist Women will have their monthly meeting this Saturday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Canned Food Offering is next Sunday!

Ash Wednesday Service: Join us on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. for the Ash Wednesday Service. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.

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.

February is Heart Havens Month! Please remember your brothers and sisters with intellectual disabilities living in supported independence in Heart Haven's homes across Virginia. Please consider supporting us with your time, talent, treasure, and prayer. See www.hearthavens.org for more information.

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):** 101 Wood Landing Rd, 148 Wood Landing Rd, 158 Wood Landing Rd, 182 Wood Landing Rd, 192 Wood Landing Rd, 46 Bethel Church Rd, 527 Bethel Church Rd, 539 Bethel Church Rd, 575 Bethel Church Rd, 599 Bethel Church Rd, 110 Hudson Rd, 113 Hudson Rd, 118 Hudson Rd, 146 Hudson Rd, 42 Sycamore Ridge Rd, 125 Sycamore Ridge Rd, 1300 White Oak Rd, 1312 White Oak Rd, 1318 White Oak Rd, 38 Battery Ridge Dr

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.*

MEMBERSHIP

How to Join Fletcher's Chapel Church

You are invited to join the membership of Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church. We take membership seriously and ask all new members to understand the commitment they are making before they join in our fellowship. You may do this in one of several ways.

By Baptism or Profession of Faith

If you have not been baptized, the pastor will be happy to discuss the meaning of the sacrament with you and work with you to be baptized and join.

By Confirmation

If you are a youth and have been baptized, but have never joined a church, the pastor will be happy to work with you in a confirmation class and discuss the meaning of membership with you.

By Transfer of Your Membership

Your baptism and membership is accepted. You may transfer your membership from any other United Methodist Church or Christian denomination.

"Join" but Keep Your Membership in Your Present Church

Our church offers two special forms of membership for those who come to an area for a "year or two" and plan to return to a "home" church. If you are a United Methodist, you may join as an Affiliate Member, which gives you full rights of membership here even though you are not added to our roll. Members of other denominations may become Associate Members in the same manner.

What do you have to do if interested?

Just contact our pastor and set up an appointment to discuss your situation. Pastor Mike can be reached at either 540-775-7247 or 540-625-2834.