

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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*There was once  
a man in the  
land of Uz  
whose name was Job.*

*Job 1.1*



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 4, 2015 8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.**

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*The Call to Worship

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

**but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.**

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only son to suffering for our salvation.

**Therefore we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368

### The Opening Prayer

God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead us into despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

### Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

### The Children's Message

### \*Hymn

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

UMH 397

### Prayer for Illumination

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors, but in these last days God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ. Open our hearts and minds to your Word, that we may see your light. **Amen.**

**The Psalter Reading – Psalm 26**

p. 834

**The Old Testament Reading – Job 1:1; 2:1-10**

p. 759

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Message**

“When Bad Things Happen...”

**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,

Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

**\*The Doxology** (UMH 95)

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Blessed are you, our Comfort. You have given Jesus, your only son, who was made lower than the angels, for our sake. With thanksgiving, we give of what you have provided, that your will may be done in this world. Give us the wisdom and courage to do so. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

**Invitation, Confession, Silent Meditation, and Pardon**

In God, we find light for our darkness, and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God. And so we ask God to prove us and try us, and to test our hearts and minds, that we may receive forgiveness.

**You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus’ name we pray. [*All pray in silence*] Amen.**

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God! Live in peace!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 13)/Giving the Bread and the Cup**

**\*Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

**\*The Charge and the Blessing**

Go out into the world and live as children, dependent on God and on each other, obedient to the will of God, holding tight to God’s hand, citizens of the kingdom.

May God, our Caretaker, be with us through good and bad, giving us wisdom to recognize each lesson and each blessing. May Jesus Christ, our Child Minder, embrace us each day in his loving arms that make us feel as if we belong, as if we are loved, as if we have a home. May the Holy Spirit, our Counselor, continually show us God’s actions in our lives as we are reconciled to one another, brothers and sisters, one family, in God. **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.*

**All are Welcome** to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card and place it into the offering plate during the collection. We hope you will feel God’s blessing during this time together.

**Assisting with Worship**

**Scripture Readers:**

**Greeters:**

**Children’s Church (11:00)**

**Today:**

Pam Hunter (8:30)

Stephenie Newton (11:00)

Pam Hunter

**October 11:**

Linda Newton (8:30)



**Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children’s messages, and serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. Please see Pastor Mike for the sign-up sheet.

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**MINISTERS:**

**BISHOP**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**All Members**

**Young Jin Cho**

**Theodore Smith**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**Marie Williams**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

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**This Week: October 4 - 11, 2015**

**TODAY**

**Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection**

**World Communion Sunday**

**8:30am**      Worship

**9:45am**      Sunday School

**11:00am**     Worship

**Wednesday**

**9:30am**      Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry

**Thursday**

**7:00pm**      Finance Committee

**7:30pm**      Administrative Council

**Saturday**

**10:00am**     Set-Up for Covered Dish Lunch

**Sunday**

**Loose Change Collection**

**“Bring a Friend Day” – Special Schedule**

**8:30am**      Worship

**9:45am**      Sunday School

**11:00**        Southern Gospel Concert by “Justified”

**Noon**         Covered Dish Lunch

**Upcoming:**

**Friday, 10/23**

**4:00pm**

Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center

**Saturday, 10/31**

**8:30am**

District Conference & District Training Event

**Birthdays This Week**

**10/4** Grace Humberger    **10/6** Leonard Schindel, Teresa Morfit

**10/8** Lori Deem    **10/11** Colin DeWaters

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**District Conference & District Training Event is Coming Saturday, October 31 at Caroline Middle School:** Our theme is “Reaching the Unchurched.” Please check the table below the literature rack in the sanctuary entrance for detailed information and a registration form for this important event.

**The Coffee Fellowship is returning!** On the second Sunday of each month, beginning in November, we will have a time of refreshment and fellowship from 9:30 – 10:30. The opening exercises for the Sunday School will not take place on this Sunday but classes will begin at 10:00am. Groups or families will be needed to provide refreshments and make the coffee.

**“Bring a Friend Day”-- Sunday, October 11**

**8:30** -- Worship

**9:45** -- Sunday School

**11:00** -- Southern Gospel Concert with “Justified”

**Noon** – Covered Dish Lunch

Help us make the most of this opportunity to invite our Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, and Neighbors (FRAN) to Fletcher’s Chapel. The results of many surveys show that around 86% of un-churched people who come into church membership choose their new church home because someone invited them. If you are shy when it comes to inviting people to church, then invite them to a concert and a meal. We need everyone to come to the concert, bring a guest and plenty of food to share for the Covered Dish Lunch.

**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:** Colleen Bowie, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Audrey Schindel, Clifton Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Thomas Bowen, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Alvin Gill, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Hubert Roberson, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Joan Wehner

***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.*