

# **Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church**

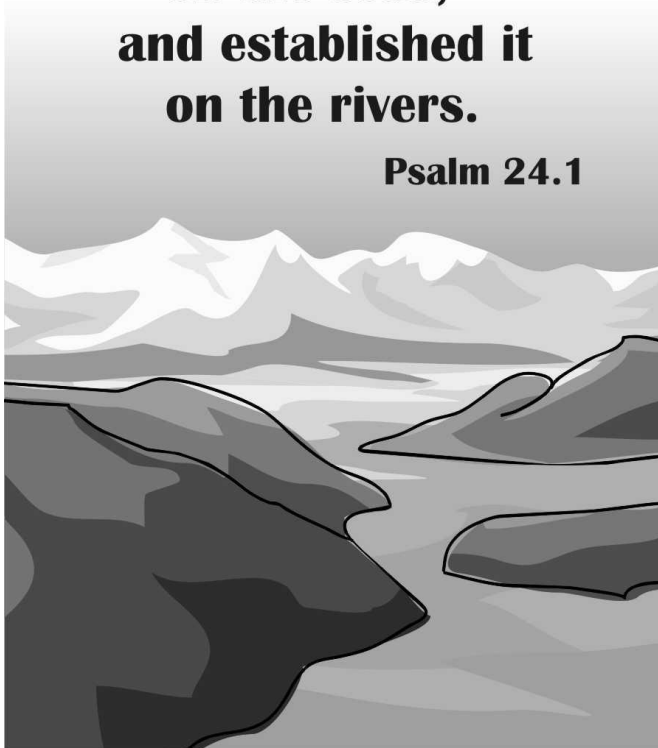
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**The earth is the Lord's  
and all that is in it,  
the world, and those  
who live in it;  
for he has founded it  
on the seas,  
and established it  
on the rivers.**

**Psalm 24.1**



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost      November 17, 2013, 8:30/11:00a.m.**

## **The Prelude**

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*The Call to Worship** – Psalm 24 UMH 755

**\*Hymn** *“How Great Thou Art”* UMH 77

## **The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, our creator and guide. We come to you this day to worship you. May we serve you with all our heart and know your peace in our lives. 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**

## **The Stewardship Minute** – “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”

**\*Hymn** *“Be Thou My Vision”* UMH 451

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, as we read your Scriptures today, send the light of your Son into our lives. Let your presence touch our minds. Let our hearts be filled with your mercy, grace, and truth. Direct our thought, speech, and steps to the end that we may walk in your way - today and always; in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading** – Genesis 14:17-20 p. 19

**The New Testament Reading** – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 p. 1745

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

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

## The Message

“Why Talk About the Tithe?”

## 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:** Time, talents and gifts You bring to us, O Lord, in Your faithful people. Accept us, and use us, and these our tithes and offerings, for the extension of Your Kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## \*Hymn

*“Amazing Grace” (vs. 1-3, 6)*

UMH 378

## \*The Charge and Blessing:

May the Lord, who is our source of Peace, offer you faith, hope and love, at all times and in all places, in every good way.

And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain in you always. **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.*

## Assisting with Worship Today:

**Scripture Reader:**

Pam Hunter (8:30am)  
John Radolinski (11:00am)

**Greeter:**

Dylan Simonds (8:30am)

**Children’s Church (11:00am):**

Lisa Weadon

## Assisting with Worship November 24:

**Scripture Reader:**

Rob Minx (8:30am)  
Lori Radolinski (11:00am)

**Children’s Church (11:00am):**

Shannon Hartung

**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.



**Check out our website** 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:** Search for “Fletcher’s Chapel UMC-King George, VA” and when you find our page, click “Like” for the latest news and events at Fletcher’s Chapel.

**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:** <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and 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

**Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace**

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).*

**MINISTERS:  
PRESIDING BISHOP:  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:  
PASTOR:  
LAY LEADER:  
MUSICIAN:**

**All Members  
Young Jin Cho  
Theodore Smith  
Michael B. Reaves  
Marie Williams  
Kay Roy**

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**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: November 17 - 24, 2013**

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Early Worship Service
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
	<b>2:00pm</b>	Operation Christmas Child
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Fri 11/22 – Sat 11/23</b>	<b>Lay Speaker Training at St. Matthias UMC</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Harvest Celebration Sunday</b>	
	<b>2:00pm</b>	Operation Sharehouse at KG YMCA

**Upcoming:**

<b>Sunday, 12/1</b>	Deadline to Return Apple Tree Gifts Canned Food Collection
<b>Sunday, 12/8</b>	Loose Change Collection for Heifer Project + + +

**Operation Sharehouse (Stop Hunger Now)** is in one week. Today is the last day to donate money to Stop Hunger Now. Please plan to help pack meals on Sunday, November 24.

**Snowden Behavioral Health Center:** Gifts are needed for the residents of Snowden who happen to be there during the Christmas season. This is a difficult time for them and their families. Sometimes gifts are overlooked. Gifts need to follow certain guidelines for patients' safety. Suggestions include winter hats and gloves, journals (no wire spines), puzzle books, and lotion (non-alcohol.). Also suggested are pens, pencils, and crayons (children). Please avoid anything with strings, wires, glass or fragile plastic. Do not wrap the gifts but gift bags left open would be great! Please bring these and leave on front choir pews by December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have questions, call Lori at 226-4102 or send email to [lucytyler25@aol.com](mailto:lucytyler25@aol.com). Your kindness in a time of need is a blessing to these patients.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Bring your shoeboxes or items to fill those boxes to the church today at 2:00pm. We will have lots of fun wrapping gifts and enjoying the real meaning of Christmas. See Marie Smith for more details.





# PRAYER LIST

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;  
Missionaries throughout the world; Our men and women in service;  
Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Colleen Bowie,  
Dave & Dee Campbell, Barbara Canaday, Delores Coates, Faye Coates,  
John Coates, Darrell Critzer, Audrey Davenport, Joe & Dot Dunivin,  
Christine Holdren, Louise Henderson, Pam Hunter, Gwen Henderson,  
Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett,  
Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager,  
Clifton Seay, Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Claude Stevens

***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.*

**Apple Tree Gifts:** All thirteen children have been claimed. Please return the gifts no later than Sunday, December 1. You can still buy a board game or purchase approved gifts for the inmates.

**Nursing Home Ministry:** Meet us at the church on Wednesday morning at 9:30. We will carpool to Heritage Hall and offer the residents a time of music and song. All are welcome to participate.

**Advent Study Offered:** If you do not attend a Sunday School class, consider joining the Adult Class which meets in the Fellowship Hall during the month of December. The class meets at 10:00 a.m. and is taught by Pastor Mike. We will read and study together "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James Moore. This is a five-week study about "how Christ breaks into our confusion and brings Christmas, how Bethlehem always happens in the midst of Bedlam." See Pastor Mike today to reserve your copy of the book, then plan to join us beginning Sunday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.

## **“Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”**

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).*

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis, “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace.” We will consider what it means to be a “faithful steward” and how our stewardship translates into practical Christianity.

This emphasis is built in its entirety on two concepts: First, God owns everything! As Psalm 24:1 states clearly, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Second, our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God which God has entrusted to us. In other words, all that we have is a blessing from God and represents that which God has loaned to us on a temporary basis.

What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly our time is a gift from our Heavenly Father that is given to everyone equally. All of us have the same amount of time — 24 hours per day. How we use our time is what makes the difference for this life and for eternity. Some will squander their time by giving priority to activities that carry little impact for eternity. Others will invest their time wisely for God’s glory and for the good of others.

Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, but all of us can excel at something. Some are called to a public ministry whereby what they do is highly visible, including pastors, worship leaders and teachers. Others are called to a less visible role in the ministry and work of the church. But all of us are given talents and abilities which can be used for God’s glory and to strengthen the Gospel outreach here at Fletcher’s Chapel United Methodist Church.

The question is not *whether we can* do something for the Lord. The question is *if we will* use our talents and abilities to serve God. Unfortunately, many times, we offer excuses to avoid serving the Lord, excuses that often appear humorous when applied to other activities.

On the second day of their conference at Yalta, Premier Stalin gave President Roosevelt a reason why a proposed plan would not work. Roosevelt gently reminded Stalin that this was not the same reason he had given the previous day. Stalin replied, "My dear Roosevelt, whenever you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another."

Stop and think about it: 80% of the work in most churches is done by 20% of the people. The rest have made other activities a priority for their time and talents.

As one of the "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace" here at Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church, will you go against that trend by making a commitment to the "Proprietor of the Universe" to use the time and talents that have been given to you to make a difference in the ministry and outreach of our church? Remember, as one of those to whom God has entrusted time, talents and treasure, God is counting on you.

Being faithful stewards  
of Thy bounty





