

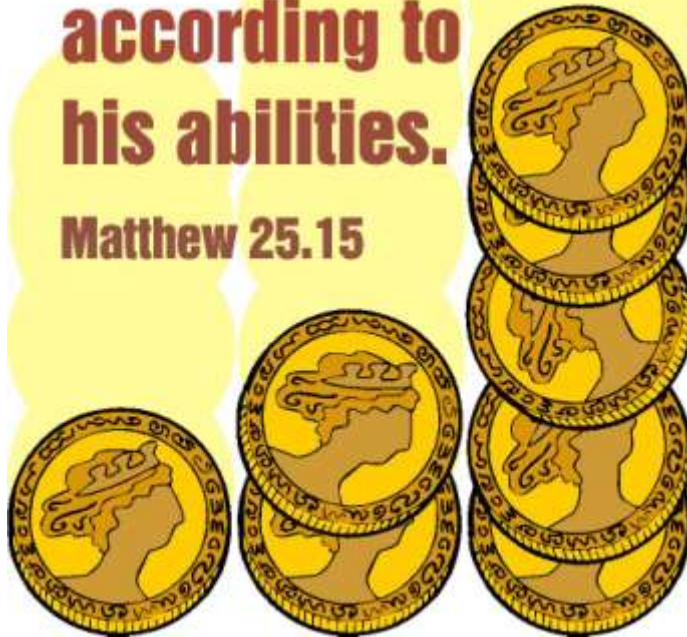
# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**To one he gave  
five talents,  
to another two,  
to another one,  
to each  
according to  
his abilities.**

**Matthew 25.15**



## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*The Call to Worship

Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

**The Lord is with us!**

**All: Let us worship God.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Hymn

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

UMH 144

## The Opening Prayer

God of righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway, we know that you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and 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

## The Stewardship Minute – “Investing in Time and Eternity”

### \*Hymn

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

UMH 103

## The Prayer for Illumination

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way; for Jesus’ sake. **Amen.**

## The New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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## Special Music

Kay Roy

## The Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30

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

**The Message**                      *“Stewardship: All That God Meant Us to Be”*

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

#### **Special Music**

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

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                                      *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*                                      UMH 382

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

Encourage one another and build each other up, faithfully working together for the kingdom of God, as we await the day of Christ’s coming.

May the God of creation work wonders in you by the power of the Holy Spirit, until we enter together the joy of our Master. **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. 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.



**Assisting with Worship Today:**  
**Scripture Reader:** Linda Newton (8:30)  
**Greeter:** Kenny Newton (11:00)

**Assisting with Worship November 23:**  
**Scripture Reader:** Tina Lauber (8:30)  
**Greeter:** Stephenie Newton (11:00)





**Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, and serve as greeters. Lori Radolinski is very generous of her time but would welcome volunteers to teach Children's Church after the Children's Message at the 11:00 service. Please see the sign-up sheets which are on the front center pew.

**Stop Hunger Now: Operation Sharehouse** is Sunday, November 23 at 1:00pm at the King George YMCA. This is a community-wide event. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and package 40,000 meals. Each dollar will purchase 4 meals. Your help is needed through your donations and by helping to package the meals. See Pastor Mike if you would like more information.



### 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](mailto:reaves.michael.b@gmail.com)

The church address is [fletcherschapel@verizon.net](mailto:fletcherschapel@verizon.net)

**Our website** is at [www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org](http://www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org)

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.

**PRESIDING BISHOP:**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

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

**This Week – November 16 - 23, 2014**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
	<b>2:00pm</b>	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party
<b>Wednesday, 11/19</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Thursday, 11/20</b>	<b>7:45pm</b>	Christmas Cantata Practice at Trinity UMC
<b>Sunday, 11/23</b>	<u>Harvest Celebration Sunday</u>	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	Stop Hunger Now at King George YMCA

**Upcoming:**

<b>Friday, 11/28</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Sunday, 11/30</b>	<u>Last Sunday to Return Apple Tree Gifts</u>	
<b>Sunday, 12/7</b>	<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>	
<b>Thursday, 12/11</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Finance Meeting
	<b>7:30pm</b>	Administrative Council Meeting
<b>Saturday, 12/13</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	UMW Meeting
<b>Sunday, 12/14</b>	<u>Loose Change Collection</u>	
<b>Sunday, 12/21</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Christmas Cantata
<b>Wednesday, 12/24</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Birthdays This Week:**

11/12 Tina Lauber    11/17 Roger Williams    11/18 Chloe Hartung    11/23 Duane Randall  
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**Apple Tree Gifts:** All thirteen children have been claimed. Please return the gifts no later than Sunday, November 30. You can still buy a board game that is listed on the insert, donate wrapping paper, or purchase approved gifts for the inmates.



**Operation Christmas Child:** Today is the last day to bring your shoeboxes to church. We will have lots of fun wrapping gifts and enjoying the real meaning of Christmas today at 2:00 p.m. See Marie Smith for more details.

**Investing for Time and Eternity**

“... store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:20-21).

## Advent Devotionals Are Here

*Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2014* is a booklet of daily devotions for Advent that helps people step back from the bustle and stress of the season and prepare heart and mind to rejoice in God's loving gift, Jesus Christ. Each daily devotion includes a recommended Scripture reading, a Bible verse, an inspiring message, and an uplifting prayer.

The season of Advent provides an opportunity for spiritual renewal for followers of Christ. But often what happens is that we get so caught up in the hurry and rush, the hustle and bustle, the frantic pace of the season that we emerge more spiritually exhausted than refreshed. The purpose of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2014* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2014* today. You can find them on the table below the literature rack in the entrance to the sanctuary and also in the hallway near the Pastor's Office.

## Prayer List

**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those 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, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Roy Stewart, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Barbara Canaday, Inez Carver, Darrell Critzer, Frazier Family, Alvin Gill, Barbara Hatchell, Christine Holdren, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Ellen Page, Nelson Parris, Msgr John Pennington, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Joseph Sirrels, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Mushy Schenemann, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Patty Darr Sullivan, 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.*

## “Investing for Time and Eternity”

“Investing for Time and Eternity” is the theme of this year’s annual stewardship emphasis. Be honest. When you first saw or heard this year’s theme, didn’t your thoughts immediately turn to money? After all, that’s what “investing” is all about, right?

As we’ll see in various ways throughout this year’s program, “investing” **does** involve money. But it’s not limited to money. Investing also includes other resources that God has given to us, including time and talents.

Robert G. Lee, a well-known pastor for many years in Memphis, wrote,

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400 that carried no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and finally every evening canceled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent — of course!”

Well, you have such a bank, and its name is “Time.” Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off — as lost — whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Each day, the bank named “Time” opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours.

In other words, when it comes to time, it’s use it or lose it! And how we use it determines whether it becomes an investment or is simply used up for this life only. Jesus said we are to seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness. When we use our time to do that, when we make God’s work a priority in the use of our time, we are making a wise investment that will pay eternal dividends.

The same is true of the talents, gifts and abilities God has given us. We can figuratively bury them in the sand and refuse to use them in the Lord’s service. That’s what happens in many churches and even sometimes in this church. In most churches, regardless of size, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. One pastor expressed it so distinctly when he lamented, “As much we could use additional giving from God’s people, our greatest problem is not money. We just can’t get anybody to do anything.”

So “investing for time and eternity” includes how we use our “time” and “talents.” It also includes the use of our “treasure.” We are managers and stewards, not owners. God owns it all! When we give, we are simply giving back to God that which rightfully belongs to God.

In his excellent essay entitled, “Cost and Worth,” Chuck Swindoll wrote,

“The difference between handling our money wisely or foolishly is largely determined by the interplay between these two forces. Obviously, we have spent wisely when the cost is eclipsed by the worth. . . . That is why, in the long run, we can usually determine a person’s scale of values by the things he or she purchases. Or to use the words of Jesus, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

And then he concluded with this powerful presentation:

Think about Sundays — your church life and the motivation you receive. Think about your children and their future. And their children’s future. Think about your neighborhood — unreached individuals by the hundreds. Think about the possibilities of radio or television outreach, perhaps a Christian school, enlarged missionary outreaches, room to grow, room to park! What’s it worth?

Deciding whether something is worth the cost requires intense, effective, prevailing prayer, as well as the hard work of objective thinking. And then it requires courage to act on God’s clear direction.

As you consider your time, your talents and your treasure, will you be one who is “investing for time and eternity” by courageously stepping out by faith in response to God’s direction in your life?





## Advent Study: *The Lord Is Our Light*

*The Lord Is Our Light* invites you to explore God's hope and presence through a study of the scripture readings for Advent and Christmas. Key Bible readings call us to praise God as we actively wait for the coming of God's redemption and new creation. Through the readings, we hear the call to celebrate the light of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

The season of Advent offers opportunities to prepare for God's coming in human form in the baby Jesus and for the approach of God's kingdom with the second coming of Christ. Hope is the focus of Advent worship, study, and prayer. We will discover the light that began in the manger and that continues as we look forward with hope to Christ's return.

*The Lord Is Our Light* is based upon the *Revised Common Lectionary* scriptures for year B of the church year, a three-year cycle of Bible readings. The study includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Epistles. It offers the opportunity to explore these Bible readings in a five-session study. The goal is to help participants understand, appreciate, and engage in meaningful and joyous celebrations of Advent and Christmas and to live each day in God's light through Jesus Christ.

The first class will meet on Tuesday, December 2. The class will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please register for the class by filling out the form below. You will receive a book once you have registered for the class.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in participating in the Advent Bible Study

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The best time for me to participate is: \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I need more information before I decide

The best time to contact me is: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Email

Phone Number or Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Advent and Christmas Worship – Joy to the World



**first sunday  
of advent**

**November 30:** Oh, You'd Better Watch Out  
*Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

**December 7:** Blue Christmas  
*Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



**second sunday  
of advent**



**third sunday  
of advent**

**December 14:** This Little Light of Mine  
*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;*  
*John 1:6-8, 19-28*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

**December 21:** Mary, Did You Know?  
*2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27;*  
*Luke 1:26-38*  
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

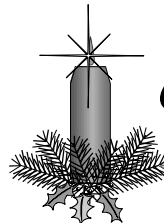


**fourth sunday  
of advent**



**Sunday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.**  
Combined Choir from Trinity and  
Fletcher's Chapel Churches  
**Reception to Follow!**

**Wednesday, December 24,**  
**Christmas Eve: Joy to the World**  
*Luke 2:1-20*  
(7:00 p.m.)



**Candlelight  
Service**