

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**You do well if you
really fulfill the royal law
according to the scripture,
“You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.”**

James 2.8



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 6, 2015 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

How good and pleasant it is when your people dwell together in unity.

Shine your light upon your people.

Show us the glory of being born into new life.

May we be at home in any place, with any people.

For all of creation is yours.

May the lamp of your word guide our feet wherever you bid us go.

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH 57

The Opening Prayer

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 [Canned Food Collection]

*Hymn

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

UMH 375

Prayer for Illumination

Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

p. 986

The New Testament Reading – James 2:1-17

p. 1821

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

The Message

“Speaking for Myself”

Response to the Word

Lord, help us understand our differences, our sameness and our uniqueness.

God, open our minds and hearts to new truths.

We have come to honor the people who have labored before us, trying to fashion us into a beloved community.

God, bind us together, into one body with Christ as our head.

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:** Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor.
Amen.

Invitation, Confession, Silent Meditation, and Pardon

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who surrounds us with favor forevermore.

O God, we confess that we often side with those people who are most like us, who think like us, or live near us, or act like us. Too often we are biased in our views and this distorts your divine plan for our lives: You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful: In every person, is your image. But too often we fail to recognize your image in each other:

Forgive us: Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil. Open our hearts to desire good over evil. Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil, so that we may create among us your beloved community. *[All pray in silence]*

The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.

Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Insert)/Giving the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn**

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

UMH 454

***The Charge and the Blessing**

Favored by the excellent name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, share your bread with the poor, advocate for the afflicted, show your faith in acts of kindness, love your neighbor as yourself.

Our generous God has blessed us and surrounded us with favor forever, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves through the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

September 13:

Linda Newton (8:30)

Kenny Newton (11:00)

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.

Coffee Fellowship will return soon. If you have any feedback about the Coffee Fellowship, please pass it on to Pastor Mike or a member of the Administrative Council.



The Fish Fry is coming! Plan to join us on Saturday, September 26. We will need help with food prep, set up, and clean up. Sign up to provide side dishes and desserts to serve with the meals. Food will be served from 4:00 – 6:00. All donations will go to the United Methodist Men’s group. Please see Allen Coates for more information.

This Week: September 6 - 13, 2015

TODAY	<u>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Monday	<u>Labor Day</u>
Wednesday	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday	10am Picnic Shelter Reserved for Carver Reunion
Sunday	<u>Loose Change Collection</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Thursday, 9/17	7:00pm PPRC Meeting
	7:30pm Administrative Council Meeting
Wednesday, 9/23	7:00pm Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
Friday, 9/25	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Saturday, 9/26	4:00pm Fish Fry
Sunday, 9/27	3:00pm Charge Conference at Grace-Oak Grove UMC
Saturday, 10/3	9:30am United Methodist Women Meeting
Sunday, 10/11	<u>“Bring a Friend Day” – Special Schedule</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00 Southern Gospel Concert by “Justified”
	Noon Covered Dish Lunch

Birthdays This Week

9/6 Lolita James 9/7 Lisa Weadon 9/10 Diane Newton

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Bring a friend!

“Bring a Friend Day” – Sunday, October 11 will be an exciting day at Fletcher’s Chapel. Instead of a traditional Homecoming Service, we want to invite our neighbors and all of our friends – old and new – to join us at Fletcher’s Chapel for this special day. We will host a Southern Gospel Concert by the group Justified during the 11:00 a.m. worship time. A covered dish lunch will follow at Noon. Come and worship at 8:30, stay for Sunday School, enjoy the concert, and end the day with a meal together. Bring a friend, relative, acquaintance or neighbor to the concert and invite them to stay for lunch. More news to come!



Remember! Canned Food Offering Today! The Canned Food Offering is collected on the first Sunday of each month. This food will be sent to the King George Social Services Food Bank. King George County residents who are in need of assistance may receive a two or three day emergency supply of food once a month with proof of residency.

Charge Conference is Coming Early This Year! Mark your calendars. Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 3:00pm. We will join with Dahlgren, Trinity, Colonial Beach, Epworth, Mizpah, Grace – Oak Grove, and McKendree Churches.

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, Frazier Family, The Ford and Smith Families, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Alvin Gill, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Camden Newton (infant), Adolfo Pangilinan, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Lisa Storm, 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.



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

We give thanks, to you our creator and liberator, for by your Word you have called forth creation, you have created us in your image. And so we join with people throughout the earth and with all the company of heaven in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you O Lord, for you led us from slavery to freedom, going ever before us with cloud and fiery pillar. With burning coals you gave utterance to the prophets, to demand that justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In the fullness of time, your spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus, anointing him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to offer recovery of sight to the blind to set at liberty those who were oppressed, and to declare the reign of God in our midst.

Before feeding the multitudes, he broke bread and gave thanks. He sought the outcasts and broke bread with them, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

On the night of his greatest trial, he gathered his friends together in an upper room took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many of the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

And in the darkness of night, when evil and betrayal seemed victorious, your creative power burst upon us in the glory of the resurrection. In remembering all that Jesus did and taught, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at the his heavenly banquet.

Amen.