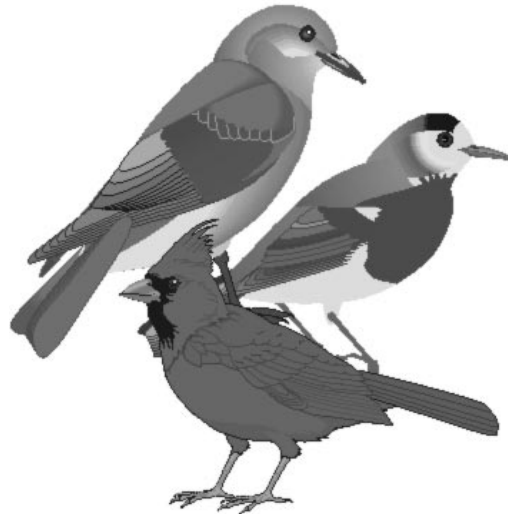


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Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap
nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly
Father feeds them. Are
you not of more value
than they?
Matthew 6.26

THANKSGIVING

Harvest Celebration Sunday, November 22, 2015

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

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***The Call to Worship**

Leader: Remember the goodness of God.

People: To think on God's goodness is like dreaming.

Leader: Let your mouths be filled with laughter.

People: Our tongues will shout for joy!

Leader: God has done great things for us!

People: May those who sow with tears, reap with joy!

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn**

“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH 694

The Opening Prayer

O God who created us and all creation out of your great love: Grant us eyes of appreciation for all you have given us that we might employ our tongues and our lives in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

Stewardship Minute - “Called to Remember... Called to Give Thanks... Called to Give”

(The ushers will come to collect your Estimate of Giving Cards.)

***Hymn**

“We Gather Together”

UMH 131

Prayer for Illumination

We've come today to celebrate, to pray, and to worship. We've come also to hear your word for us today in the Holy Scriptures. Speak to our hearts, Lord, that our minds may be opened to new insights of your love and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

p. 1787

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:25-33

p. 1458

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

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“Thanks for Nothing”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Music.

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Guardian of our lives, you have saved us from fears and dismay and confusion and called us to be, instead, a royal priesthood. May the gifts we bring witness to your sovereignty in our lives. To you be glory and power forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

***The Charge and the Blessing**

Go forth to serve the Lord in the strength, love, and presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And now to him who sits upon the throne, to the One true God, be praise and glory, forever and ever; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit, be with you 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.*

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.

Assisting with Worship

Today:

November 29:

Scripture Readers:

Lucy Willard (8:30)

Tina Lauber (8:30)

Greeters:

Stephenie Newton (11:00)

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Our Advent and Christmas Sermon Series will begin on Sunday, November 29. Christmas time comes and most of us get excited about receiving gifts that we've been anticipating all year. Typically, though, we aren't as thrilled to get gifts we need like socks and underwear. In this series, we'll explore why we should ask for what we need instead of what we want. And usually what we need the most turns out to be the Best Gift Ever.

Apple Tree Gifts: All thirteen children have been claimed. Please return the gifts no later than Sunday, November 29. You can still buy a board game that is listed on the insert, donate wrapping paper, or purchase approved gifts for the inmates.

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

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"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.

PASTOR:
MUSICIAN

Michael B. Reaves
Kay Roy

This Week: November 22 - 29, 2015

TODAY	<u>Harvest Celebration Sunday</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Tuesday, 11/24	11:00am Advent Study Week 1, Daytime Class
	7:00pm Advent Study Week 1, Nighttime Class
Thursday, 11/26	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>
Friday, 11/27	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 11/29	<u>Last Sunday to Return Apple Tree Gifts</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 12/2	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday, 12/5	9:00am	Decorate Sanctuary for Advent
	9:30am	UMW Meeting
Sunday, 12/6		<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>
Thursday, 12/10	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
	7:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
Sunday, 12/6		<u>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</u>
Sunday, 12/13		<u>Loose Change Collection</u>
	9:30	Coffee Fellowship
Thursday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service

Birthdays This Week

11/23 Duane Randall

11/25 Ruby Hawkins

11/29 Turner Minx

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Called to Remember... Called to Give Thanks... Called to Give: Today we conclude our stewardship emphasis. If you are prepared to submit your Estimate of Giving for 2016, we will collect them during the Stewardship Minute. Estimate of Giving Cards and Envelopes are available on the table in the entrance. Fill the card out, place it back in the envelope, and put it in the collection plate when the ushers come to you. You are not required to fill out a card.

Advent Devotionals Are Here

Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2015 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 2015* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2015* 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 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, Jeanne Bullock, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, 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, Warren Fletcher, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Alvin Gill, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, David Lee, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Hubert Roberson, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Joan Wehner

Our Prayers and Sympathies: To the family and friends of Allyn Highfield who passed away on Friday, November 20, 2015 – Ray Highfield (spouse) and Carol and Scott Kieffer (daughter and son-in-law).

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.

Advent Study: *The Gift of New Hope*

Make this year's Advent even more special than usual. Prepare your heart and life for the celebration of Christ's birth with *The Gift of New Hope*, a study of the lectionary Bible readings for Advent and Christmas. By following the lectionary, your study of the Bible and your prayers will be in tune with your pastor's sermon. You'll have a better understanding of the flow of the Scripture readings chosen for the season. Be ready to claim and celebrate the new hope we have in Jesus Christ!

The Gift of New Hope is based on the *Revised Common Lectionary* scriptures for church year C, the third of 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 first class will meet on Tuesday, November 24. The class will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please register for the class by filling out the form below. The books will be available on Sunday, November 15.

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_____ Yes, I am interested in participating in the Advent Bible Study

Name _____

The best time for me to participate is: _____ 11:00 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 _____

Email Address _____

Advent/Christmas Sermon Series
Socks and Underwear: Not What You Want... But What You Need



first sunday
of advent

November 29: Unexpected Gift
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

December 6: Gift Return
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



second sunday
of advent



third sunday
of advent

December 13: Gift Received
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

December 20: The Best Gift Ever
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



fourth sunday
of advent



Christmas Eve
Communion

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
A Service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
(7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 27: The Day After
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

