

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

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**Can I not do with you,  
just as this potter has done?  
says the LORD.**



**Just like the clay in  
the potter's hand,  
so are you in my hand.**

**Jeremiah 18.6**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 04, 2016 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

### \*The Call to Worship

The Lord has examined me and he knows me.

**The Lord knows everything I do, and he understands all my thoughts.**

The Lord's knowledge of me is too deep.

**It is beyond my understanding.**

Come, let us worship God who has complete knowledge of us.

### \*Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH382

## The Opening Prayer

**Awesome God, we marvel at your complete knowledge of us, and cannot comprehend how, knowing us so fully, you still depend on us to carry out your will. Humbly we come before you to offer our prayers of thanksgiving, and to beseech you to fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might be molded into disciples who are worthy of your trust. Amen.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Children’s Message

## Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

### \*Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Help us to bear it. Break down in us all that resists your will and plant in us a willingness to turn, for we would live; we would be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. **Amen.**

**The First Reading** – Jeremiah 18:1-11

p. 1171

**The Second Reading** – Luke 14:25-33

p. 1572

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

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

**The Message**

“The Potter and the Clay”

**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,

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

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Loving God, you know your children of every race and nationality. You understand our needs even better than we ourselves. Today we present our gifts and ourselves to be used by you in meeting those needs in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Invitation, Confession, and Pardon**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [All pray in silence]**

Hear the good news: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life. That proves God’s gracious love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH 13)

**Giving the Bread and the Cup**

\*Hymn

“Where He Leads Me”

UMH 338

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Go into this week rejoicing that your life is blessed by God's creative love; that your heart is filled with Jesus' discerning love; that your mind is inspired by the Holy Spirit's empowering love.

May God make safe to you each step, May God open to you each door, May God make clear to you each road. May God enfold you in loving arms.

**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**

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	<b>Today</b>	<b>September 11, 2016</b>
<b>Scripture Readers:</b>	Linda Newton (8:30)	Lucy Willard (8:30)
<b>Greeters:</b>	Kenny Newton (11:00)	Stephenie Newton (11)

**Volunteers Needed for the month of September:** The sign-up sheet is on the front center pew.

**Welcome Cards** – We welcome all our guests. 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.

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<b>MINISTERS:</b>	<b>All Members</b>
<b>PRESIDING BISHOP:</b>	<b>Sharma Lewis</b>
<b>DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:</b>	<b>Theodore Smith</b>
<b>PASTOR:</b>	<b>Michael B. Reaves</b>
<b>LAY LEADER:</b>	<b>Marie Williams</b>
<b>MUSICIAN:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Pruet</b>

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## **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, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Jack Deem, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Lily Radolinski, Daryl Roy, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Patricia (Tricia) Burgess, Clarissa Busby, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Stephen Chappell, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Larry Green, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

***Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pew rack*

## **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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**September 04, 2016 – September 11, 2016**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Canned Food Collection/Communion Sunday</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:45am</b> Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship
<b>Tuesday, 9/6</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee
<b>Wednesday, 9/7</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
<b>Sunday, 9/11</b>	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>
	<b>8:30am</b> Worship
	<b>9:30am</b> Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall – Hosted by Rob & Sherri Minx)
	<b>10:00am</b> Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b> Worship

**Upcoming:**

<b>Wednesday, 9/14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Pastor Parish Relationship Committee
<b>Thursday, 9/29</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Finance Committee (2017 Budget Planning)
<b>Saturday, 10/1</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Fish Fry
<b>Friday, 10/7</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben
<b>Sunday, 10/23</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	Charge Conference at Trinity UMC
<b>Saturday, 11/12</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	UMW Chili Supper

**Birthdays This Week**

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





**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.

**The Nominations and Lay Leadership Development Committee** will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00pm.

**Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry:** Join us this Wednesday for a time of music and prayer with some of residents at Heritage Hall. Meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool or meet us in the Lobby a little before 10:00am. We offer this ministry on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



**The Fish Fry is coming!** Plan to join us on Saturday, October 1. We will need help with food prep, set up, and clean up. Sign up to provide side dishes, breads, desserts etc. to serve with the meals. Food will be served from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. All donations will go to the United Methodist Men's group. Please see Allen Coates for more information.

**Confirmation Classes Begin Soon!** All youth who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to take part in Confirmation Class. The classes will begin on Sunday, October 16. The class will meet at 3:00pm. Confirmation Sunday will be November 20. See Pastor Mike for more details.

**Charge Conference is Coming!** Mark your calendars. Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm at Trinity UMC. We will join with Dahlgren, Trinity, Colonial Beach, and Grace – Oak Grove Churches. Important preparation dates will be announced soon. Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee, Nominations, Finance, Trustees, and Administrative Council will all need to meet over the next few weeks as we get ready for Charge Conference.