

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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So *must*
the

Son of Man

be lifted up, that

whoever believes

in him may have



**eternal
life.**

John 3:14-15

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH 98

The Opening Prayer

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Message (Loose Change Collection)

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

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

*Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

UMH 301

Prayer for Illumination

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12:1-4a

p. 16

The Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17

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

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“Living Our Baptismal Calling: Accept”

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:** Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude – for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray.

Amen.

***Hymn**

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go out in faith, trusting in God’s sense of direction. Remember how much God loves this world and so love the world in the name of Christ, that your testimony becomes the good news someone else has been waiting to receive.

As you go out and come in, may God keep you by sunlight and moonlight; may Christ encompass you with love; and may the Holy Spirit empower you with new life; now and forever. **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	March 19, 2017
Scripture Readers	Pam Hunter (8:30)	Linda Newton (8:30)
Greeters	Stephenie Newton (11:00)	

Volunteers Needed: 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.

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

March 12, 2017 – March 19, 2017

TODAY	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
	Loose Change Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:30am Coffee Fellowship (Hosted by Troy & Pam Thompson)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Wednesday, 3/15	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Thursday, 3/16	10:30am Lenten Study Daytime Session (Week 2 of 5)
	7:00pm Lenten Study Evening Session (Week 2 of 5)
Friday, 3/17	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Sunday, 3/19	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 3/22	10:00am	Morning Prayer Group
Friday, 3/24	5:00pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday, 3/29	Noon	Dahlgren UMC Lenten Service (Pastor Mike to Preach)
Sunday, 4/2		Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection
Thursday, 4/6	7:00pm	Finance Committee
	7:30pm	Administrative Council
Sunday, 4/9		Palm Sunday
Friday, 4/14		Good Friday
Sunday, 4/16		Easter
	6:30am	Sunrise Service
	7:00am	Sunrise Breakfast

Birthdays This Week

33/19 Diane Pelletie





The Loose Change Offering is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways

Lent: Living Our Baptismal Calling

Today, Lent 2: Accept

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Through the powerful image of new birth and the biblical story of the serpent in the wilderness, Jesus shows Nicodemus and us what it takes for us to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Newt Week, March 19, Lent 3: Confess

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as Lord, in union with the church Christ opens to people of all ages, nations, and races? And by the grace given you will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

In an encounter with a woman at a well in Samaria, Jesus confesses he is the Messiah, and she not only embraces this, but leads others to make the same confession.

The Volunteers in Mission Team planned for Saturday, April 8 has been cancelled. Work will be completed on the house in Tappahannock by the end of March.

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: Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, John Earl Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Ray Highfield, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Tommy Jacobs, Sr., Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Turner Minx, Jesse Radolinski, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Howie Weadon

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Mitchell Burroughs, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Jim McCurtain, Paul Morfit, 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, Brian Scott, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Dickie Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack