

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**As long as I am
in the world,
I am the
light of the world.**

John 9.5



The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 26, 2017

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

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***The Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)**

As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.

God guides us along paths of righteousness

And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid.

The shepherd's staff comforts us.

God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies. There we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.

***Hymn**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH 381

The Opening Prayer

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. **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**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our

Lord. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 16:1-13 p. 426

The Gospel Reading – John 9:1-41 p. 1612

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

The Message “Living Our Baptismal Calling: Nurture”

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:** We bring you only what is yours, Creator God that you might use this offering and the giver for the building up of your kingdom and the glory of your name. **Amen.**

***Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision” UMH451

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go in peace and love and care for another in the name of the Lord; and may God lead you to places of rest and renewal; may Christ Jesus give you life in abundance; and may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with gladness and generosity, both now and forevermore. **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

April 2, 2017

Scripture Readers

Robert Minx (8:30)

Tina Lauber (8:30)

Greeters

Kenny Newton (11:00)

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:

PRESIDING BISHOP:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members

Sharma D. Lewis

Theodore Smith

Michael B. Reaves

Marie Williams

Elizabeth Pruett

March 26, 2017 – April 2, 2017

TODAY	UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Wednesday, 3/29	Noon Dahlgren UMC Lenten Service (Pastor Mike to Preach)
Thursday, 3/30	10:30am Lenten Study Daytime Session (Week 4 of 5)
	7:00pm Lenten Study Evening Session (Week 4 of 5)
Sunday, 4/2	Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 4/5	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Thursday, 4/6	7:00pm Finance Committee
	7:30pm Administrative Council
Friday, 4/7	5:00pm Girl Scout
Saturday, 4/8	9:30am United Methodist Women
Sunday, 4/9	Palm Sunday/Loose Change Collection
	9:30am Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Linda Newton)
Wednesday, 4/12	10:00am Morning Prayer Group
Friday, 4/14	Good Friday
	7:00pm Good Friday Service
Sunday, 4/16	Easter
	6:30am Sunrise Service
	7:00am Sunrise Breakfast
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Friday, 4/21	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center

Birthdays This Week

3/29 Louise Henderson 3/30 Stephenie Newton
3/31 Carissa Emory 4/1 Jimmy Weadon



Lent: Living Our Baptismal Calling

Today, Lent 4: Nurture

To parents and sponsors: *Will you nurture these children/persons in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?*

To the congregation: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?*

The response of the crowds to Jesus' healing of a man born blind says much about how our congregation can actively "nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these persons now before you in your care," or fail to do so.

Next Sunday, Lent 5: Believe!

Do you believe in God the Father?...

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?...

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

The faith we confess, and the faith that transforms us, is more than intellectual assent to a theological construct. It is to stake our lives on the Triune God, and so join Martha's confession, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world."

UMCOR Sunday (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing): Today is one of the Six Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church. For over 50 years, our congregations have been taking part in this special offering, laying the foundation for the ministry of relief and hope of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Please see the special insert for more details.

Dahlgren United Methodist Church Wednesday Lenten Service: Pastor Mike will be the guest preacher on Wednesday, March 29 for this service. Worship begins at Noon and a light lunch is served at 12:30. If you are free, please join Pastor Mike at this service.

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, 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, 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