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

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> They set out: and there. ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2.9

Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5, 2014 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

# The Prelude

# \*Chiming of the Hour

# The Welcome and Announcements

\*The Call to Worship (*Isaiah 60:1–3*) Arise, shine; for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Come, worship the Lord of glory. Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

\*Hymn

"We Three Kings"

UMH 254

# **The Opening Prayer**

God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. **Amen.** 

# **Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

# Sharing with the Family of God: The Children's Message (Food Collection)

\*Hymn

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

UMH 239

# Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. **Amen.** 

**The Epistle Reading** – Ephesians 3:1-12

p. 1761

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

p. 1450

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

# Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# The Message

# 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: Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant's crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. **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

"The First Noel"

UMH 245

#### \*The Charge and Blessing:

Let us go forth rejoicing in the light of God's love.

# Thanks be to God.

May the love of Christ that shines in you shine brightly in the world wherever you go. And the blessing of God, Divine Giver, Radiant Light, and Fountain of Life bless you and keep you always. **Amen.** 

# \*The 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

Worship Greeters:Kenny Newton (11:00)Children's Church:Pam Hunter (11:00)

# Assisting with Worship Sunday, January 12:

Worship Greeters:	Lisa Weadon (8:30)
Children's Church:	Pam Hunter (11:00)

Volunteers are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet. Scripture readers, children's message providers, greeters, children's church teachers are needed for all Sundays in January and February.

MINISTERS: PRESIDING BISHOP: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: PASTOR: LAY LEADER: MUSICIAN: All Members Young Jin Cho Theodore Smith Michael B. Reaves Marie Williams Elizabeth Pruett

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: January 5 - 12, 2014		
TODAY	Epiphany of the Lord	
	Food Collection Sunday	
	8:30 AM Worship	
	9:45 AM Sunday School	
	11:00 AM Worship	
Sun, 1/12	Loose Change Sunday	
<u>UPCOMING:</u> Wednesday, 1/14 Saturday, 2/1	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry United Methodist Women (9:30am)	
Sunday, 2/2	Food Collection Sunday	
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**All are Welcome** to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. 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. Our hope is that you will feel God's blessing during this time with us.

**Today we celebrate EPIPHANY,** that time in which we celebrate the coming of Christ to all of the world. The term "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word for "Manifestation." We are reminded in this Season of Light that "JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" who reveals himself to all people by the warmth of his own Goodness and Love. We, as God's People, are called to be light-bearers for Christ and his Gospel.

**Thank You** for your generous response to our Stewardship Emphasis. To date we have received cards totaling \$45,400. You can still submit your Estimate of Giving for 2014. Extra cards are available in the church office and on the table in the sanctuary entrance. Please see Pastor Mike if you have any questions.

#### Money is a means to the greater end of glorifying God as we demonstrate practical Christianity in our lives.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" -- 1 Corinthians 10:31

# 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:** <sup>"19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and 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

**Contact us by email:** Pastor Mike is at <u>reaves.michael.b@gmail.com</u> The church address is <u>fletcherschapel@verizon.net</u>

**Our website** is at <u>www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org</u> and let us know what you think! Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed.

**"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.



**New Church Directory:** Please take a rough draft of the directory and help us make sure our information is up to date. Look through the directory and make note of any corrections, missing information, or any other information you think would be helpful. Write this down on the corrections page which is the last page of the rough draft. When you are done, just tear off the page and return it to Pastor Mike. Also, there is still time for you to submit a photo or have one taken.

Deadline to submit photos and corrections is Sunday, January 19



**Prayers for the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; Those who are having difficulties in their marriages; The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Dave & Dee Campbell, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Evelyn Jackson, Clifton Seay, Pete Sullivan,

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Kristalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Barbara Canaday, Darrell Critzer, Christine Holdren, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolpho Pangilinan, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Shirley Sigert, Tai (re: Lori Radolinksi), Claude Stevens, Patty Darr Sullivan, Francisca Zemora

\*Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22405): 29 Doris Dr, 30 Doris Dr, 31 Doris Dr, 16 Hudson Rd, 18 Hudson Rd, 36 Hudson Rd, 43 Hudson Rd, 53 Hudson Rd, 54 Hudson Rd, 67 Hudson Rd, 95 Hudson Rd, 1122 White Oak Rd, 1150 White Oak Rd, 1170 White Oak Rd, 1218 White Oak Rd, 1252 White Oak Rd, 1255 White Oak Rd, 1256 White Oak Rd, 1257 White Oak Rd, 1266 White Oak Rd

**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.

\*There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church. In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list. You are encouraged to pray for these families each day during your private prayer time.



□ <b>Jan 5</b> Gen 1-2, Ps 1, Matt 1-2	□ <b>Jan 23</b> Gen 34-35, Ps 18:25-50,
□ <b>Jan 6</b> Gen 3-4, Ps 2, Matt 3-4	Matt 22
□ <b>Jan 7</b> Gen 5-6, Ps 3, Matt 5	□ <b>Jan 24</b> Gen 36, Ps 19:1-6, Matt 23
□ <b>Jan 8</b> Gen 7-8, Ps 4, Matt 6	□ <b>Jan 25</b> Gen 37-38, Ps 19:7-14,
□ <b>Jan 9</b> Gen 9-10, Ps 5, Matt 7	Matt 24
□ <b>Jan 10</b> Gen 11-12, Ps 6, Matt 8	□ <b>Jan 26</b> Gen 39-40, Ps 20, Matt 25
□ <b>Jan 11</b> Gen 13-15, Ps 7, Matt 9	□ <b>Jan 27</b> Gen 41-42, Ps 21, Matt 26
□ <b>Jan 12</b> Gen 16-17, Ps 8, Matt 10	□ <b>Jan 28</b> Gen 43-44, Ps 22:1-18,
□ <b>Jan 13</b> Gen 18-19, Ps 9, Matt 11	Matt 27
□ <b>Jan 14</b> Gen 20-21, Ps 10, Matt 12	□ <b>Jan 29</b> Gen 45-46, Ps 22:19-31,
□ <b>Jan 15</b> Gen 22-23, Ps 11, Matt 13	Matt 28 - Mark 1
□ <b>Jan 16</b> Gen 24, Ps 12, Matt 14	□ <b>Jan 30</b> Gen 47-48, Ps 23, Mark 2
□ <b>Jan 17</b> Gen 25-26, Ps 13, Matt 15	□ <b>Jan 31</b> Gen 49-50, Ps 24, Mark 3
□ <b>Jan 18</b> Gen 27, Ps 14, Matt 16-17	□ <b>Feb 1</b> Ex 1, Ps 25, Mark 4
□ <b>Jan 19</b> Gen 28-29, Ps 15, Matt 18	□ <b>Feb 2</b> Ex 2-3, Ps 26, Mark 5
□ <b>Jan 20</b> Gen 30, Ps 16, Matt 19	□ <b>Feb 3</b> Ex 4-5, Ps 27, Mark 6
□ <b>Jan 21</b> Gen 31, Ps 17, Matt 20	□ <b>Feb 4</b> Ex 6-7, Ps 28, Mark 7
□ <b>Jan 22</b> Gen 32-33, Ps 18:1-24,	□ <b>Feb 5</b> Ex 8-9, Ps 29, Mark 8
Matt 21	□ <b>Feb 6</b> Ex 10-11, Ps 30, Mark 9

Many of you already follow a daily Bible reading plan but maybe you are looking to try something new. Others may need a little encouragement. Daily Bible reading is an important spiritual discipline for all Christians. If you stick with this plan, you will read the entire Bible in 2014.

This is a very simple and easy to follow daily plan. Each day you will read from the Old Testament, the Psalms, and the New Testament in chapter order. The daily reading will take about 20 - 30 minutes. When you finish, check the box. If you miss a day, it's OK to catch up. The readings will be updated periodically.