

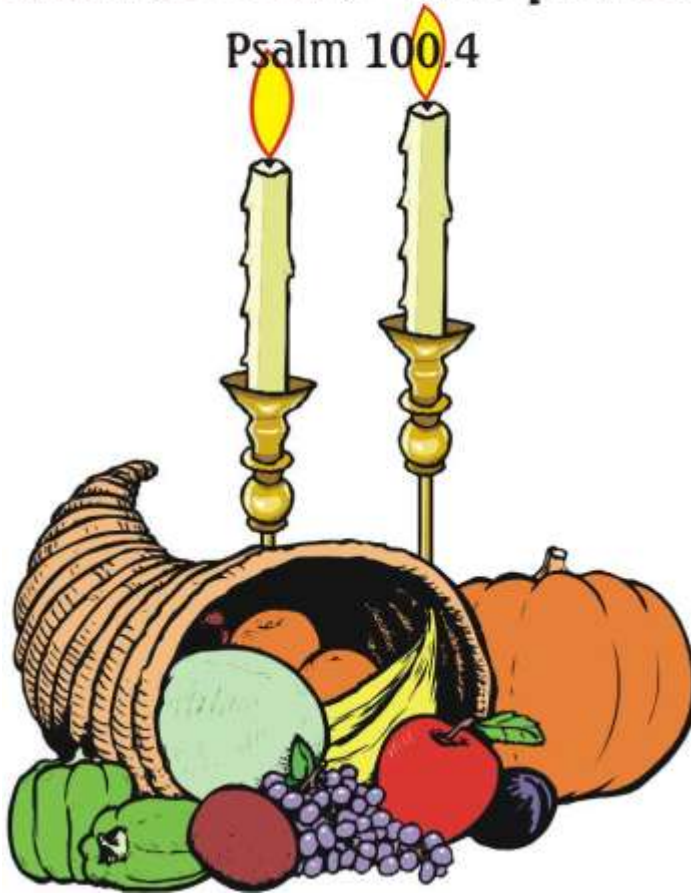
Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Enter his gates with
Thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Psalm 100.4



Harvest Celebration Sunday, November 23, 2014

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

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship – Psalm 100 UMH 821

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn *“We Gather Together”* UMH 131

Litany of Thanksgiving & Opening Prayer (see insert)

Time of Sharing and Prayer

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

The Children’s Message

The Stewardship Minute – “Investing in Time and Eternity”
(The ushers will come to collect your Estimate of Giving Cards.)

*Hymn *“Take My Life. And Let It Be”* UMH 399

The Reception of New Members UMH 38

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 8:7-18 p. 277

Special Music Kay Roy

The New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 p. 1745

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

The Message *“Harvesting Thanksgiving”*

The Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Time, talents and gifts You bring to us, O Lord, in Your faithful people. Accept us, and use us, and these our tithes and offerings, for the extension of Your Kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

UMH 694

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go forth with thankful hearts. Go forth into the world with God's renewing and strengthening Spirit. May that Spirit fill us full of praise and joyous affirmations of life. **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. 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.

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Readers: Tina Lauber (8:30); Lori Radolinski (11:00)

Children's Church: Mary Ellen Emory & Kyle Critzer

Greeter: Stephenie Newton (11:00)

Assisting with Worship November 30:

Scripture Readers: Linda Newton (8:30); John Radolinski (11:00)

Greeter: Kenny Newton (11:00)

Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, and serve as greeters. Lori Radolinski is very generous of her time but would welcome volunteers to teach Children's Church after the Children's Message at the 11:00 service. Please see the sign-up sheets which are on the front center pew.



We Welcome our Newest Members: At the 8:30 service, we will receive Ray and Allyn Highfield and Scott and Carol Kieffer as members of Fletcher's Chapel. The Highfields and the Kieffers come by transfer from New Hope United Methodist Church. At the 11:00 service, we will receive Rachel Reaves as a member. Rachel comes by transfer from High Street United Methodist Church in Franklin, VA.

Harvest Celebration Sunday: Today we conclude our stewardship emphasis. If you are prepared to submit your Estimate of Giving for 2014, 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.

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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Our website is at www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org

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.

PRESIDING BISHOP:
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:
PASTOR:
LAY LEADER:
MUSICIAN:

Young Jin Cho
Theodore Smith
Michael B. Reaves
Marie Williams
Kay Roy

This Week – November 23 - 30, 2014

TODAY	<u>Harvest Celebration Sunday</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
	1:00pm Stop Hunger Now at King George YMCA
Friday, 11/28	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Saturday, 11/29	9:00am Decorate Sanctuary for Advent
Sunday, 11/30	<u>Last Sunday to Return Apple Tree Gifts</u>

Upcoming:

Tuesday, 12/2	10:30am	Advent Bible Study (Morning Session)
	7:00pm	Advent Bible Study (Evening Session)
Wednesday, 12/3	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Sunday, 12/7		<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>
Thursday, 12/11	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
	7:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
Saturday, 12/13	9:30am	UMW Meeting
Sunday, 12/14		<u>Loose Change Collection</u>
Sunday, 12/21	4:00pm	Christmas Cantata
Wednesday, 12/24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Birthdays This Week:

11/23 Duane Randall

11/25 Ruby Hawkins

11/29 Turner Minx

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Operation Christmas Child: Thanks to everyone who helped pack a shoebox. Twenty-seven shoeboxes were packed here at Fletcher's Chapel.

Apple Tree Gifts: All thirteen children have been claimed. Please return the gifts no later than Sunday, November 30. You can still buy a board game that is listed on the insert, donate wrapping paper, or purchase approved gifts for the inmates.

Advent/Christmas Decorating: If you have an hour to spare next Saturday at 9:00 a.m., come and help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent..



Advent Devotionals Are Here

Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2014 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 2014* is to help the reader focus on the things that truly matter and experience spiritual renewal.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Pick up your copy of *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2014* 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 List

Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those 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, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Roy Stewart, Pete Sullivan

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Barbara Canaday, Darrell Critzer, Frazier Family, Alvin Gill, Barbara Hatchell, Christine Holdren, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Nelson Parris, Msgr John Pennington, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Joseph Sirrels, Tai (re: Lori Radolinski), Mushy Schenemann, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Joan Wehner, the Yee Family

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.

Litany of Thanksgiving and Opening Prayer

Let us join together in our responsive reading:

We praise and thank our God

For all that we have been given!

We praise and thank our God

For earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes.

We praise and thank our God

For the blessings of life and faith and hope.

We praise and thank our God

For the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us, and the Counselor who guides us.

We praise and thank our God

For family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers.

We praise and thank our God

For God has blessed us beyond all expectations.

We praise and thank our God

For all blessings which compel us to reach out to those with less, to be of service to any in need, to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.

Let us pray together:

Lord God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us. Open our hearts and minds to your will that we may be free to share everything we have, to give away whatever holds us hostage in spirit, that we may always know that possessions are just that: things, lovely to have, but in the end only good for the good they can do in this world. Keep us always in that work, the work of Christ and Christ's kingdom, the kingdom of God. Amen.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Advent Study: *The Lord Is Our Light*

The Lord Is Our Light invites you to explore God's hope and presence through a study of the scripture readings for Advent and Christmas. Key Bible readings call us to praise God as we actively wait for the coming of God's redemption and new creation. Through the readings, we hear the call to celebrate the light of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

The season of Advent offers opportunities to prepare for God's coming in human form in the baby Jesus and for the approach of God's kingdom with the second coming of Christ. Hope is the focus of Advent worship, study, and prayer. We will discover the light that began in the manger and that continues as we look forward with hope to Christ's return.

The Lord Is Our Light is based upon the *Revised Common Lectionary* scriptures for year B of the church year, 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 goal is to help participants understand, appreciate, and engage in meaningful and joyous celebrations of Advent and Christmas and to live each day in God's light through Jesus Christ.

The first class will meet on Tuesday, December 2. The class will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please register for the class by filling out the form below. You will receive a book once you have registered for the class.

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

Name _____

The best time for me to participate is: _____ 10:30 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 or Email Address _____

Advent and Christmas Worship – Joy to the World



**first sunday
of advent**

November 30: Oh, You'd Better Watch Out
Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

December 7: Blue Christmas
Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)



**second sunday
of advent**

**third sunday
of advent**

December 14: This Little Light of Mine
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

December 21: Mary, Did You Know?
2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38
(8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

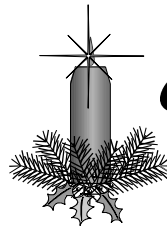


**fourth sunday
of advent**



Sunday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.
Combined Choir from Trinity and
Fletcher's Chapel Churches
Reception to Follow!

Wednesday, December 24,
Christmas Eve: Joy to the World
Luke 2:1-20
(7:00 p.m.)



**Candlelight
Service**



Bring Your Own Poinsettia



You are invited to bring your own Poinsettia to decorate our church for the Christmas season. You may start bringing them in on December 14th. If you would like your poinsettia to be listed in the bulletin in memory or in honor of someone please provide the following information:

1) Please Check One

_____ In Memory of _____ In Honor of

2) Name of Person(s) Remembered/Honored

3) Given By

Poinsettias should remain through the Christmas Eve Service and taken home as soon as possible afterwards.

**Please put completed forms
in the collection plate.**

