

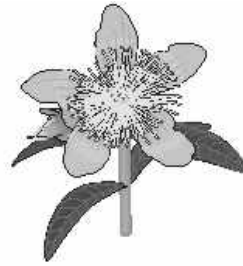
Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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And now

faith,



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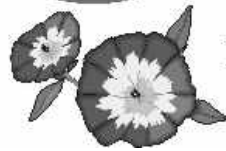
and **love** abide,

these three;

and the greatest

of these is

love



1 Corinthians 13.13

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany, January 31, 2016

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

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth.

So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

The Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

“God of Love, and God of Power”

UMH 578

The Opening Prayer

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—faith, hope, and love, but especially love—that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lover and our lord. **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

*Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me”

UMH 463

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

p. 1730

The Gospel Reading – Luke 4:21-30

p. 1546

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

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“The More Excellent Way”

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:**

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Empowered by God’s love for you, go out and love your neighbors, the ones just like you and those different from you.

Now may the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit go with us all. **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. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card and place it into the offering plate during the collection.

Assisting with Worship

Today:

February 7, 2016:

Scripture Readers:

Pam Hunter (8:30)

Tina Lauber (8:30)

Greeters:

Kenny Newton (11:00)



Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children’s and serve as greeters. Please see the sign-up sheets which are on the front center pew.

Get Your Copy Today! Copies of the 2016 Budget and a listing of Officers and Committee members are available on the table under the literature rack in the sanctuary entrance.

Give Blood: The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 89 (10021 Dahlgren Rd, King George) on Tuesday, February 2 from 11:00am until 5:00pm. Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring photo ID.

The Bishop's service of Prayer, Praise, and Celebration has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. at Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church in Ladysmith, VA.

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

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

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

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Theodore Smith

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Marie Williams

Elizabeth Pruett



John – The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton

This year we will study “John – The Gospel of Light and Life” by Adam Hamilton. The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” This Lent, you can experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal in this six-week study. You’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

We will meet on Tuesday each week beginning February 16 at 11:00am and 7:00pm. Each class will last about 1 hour and 15 minutes. This is a six week study and the final class will be on Tuesday, March 22.

See Pastor Mike to get your copy of the book.



We Need You!

The Thurman Brisben Center Ministry Needs Your Help!

Gail Mabe has coordinated this ministry for many years. Our volunteers are a combination of folks from this church as well as school teachers and members of a fraternity from the University of Mary Washington. Our primary cook, Vince, has had a variety of health issues over the past nine months and is not able to help at this time. So we are looking for one or two people from the church who would be willing to train to serve as the primary cook on occasion.

Pastor Mike will be the primary cook the next time we serve on Friday, February 12. The cook comes in at 3:30 p.m. to begin preparing the meat (usually pork loin). The servers and other helpers come in at about 4:30 p.m. We begin serving the meal at 6:00 p.m. and are usually done by 6:45 p.m. The residents at Thurman Brisben are responsible for cleanup.

If you are willing to help out as a cook or server, let Pastor Mike know.

“Castlebay” Returns to Peace UMC on Friday, Feb 26 at 7:30 PM.

Julia Lane & Fred Gosbee, known as “Castlebay,” return to Peace UMC on Friday, Feb. 26. Peace UMC is located at 801 Maple Grove Drive, Fredericksburg 22407 just off Rf. 3, behind Gander Mountain Sports.

This premier folk duo from Round Pond, Maine will offer a program of Irish, Scottish and Maritime music. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Julia's ethereal soprano and Fred's rich baritone interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle. They excel in researching and sharing Celtic and maritime music. Their performances feature poignant ballads sung in her ethereal soprano and his rich baritone interspersed with foot tapping dance tunes played on harp, fiddle and tin whistle. The duo delights audiences with engaging rapport as they share lore and history associated with the music as well as their own experiences. They also have composed some wonderful original music and stories inspired by their native Maine, and Celtic traditions.

This time Fred and Julia will give a program of “traditional and modern seafaring songs,” with some tunes from a new project on Civil War tunes. Please spread the word. Invite friends and family. Tickets at the door will be \$10 a person. CDs will also be on sale. For information, call David Erickson at 540/785-3545.

Concert at St. Matthias United Methodist Church

Paul Byrom (formerly with the group Celtic Thunder) is coming back to Fredericksburg on Tuesday, February 9! St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg 22405 will be the location for Paul's **only** Virginia concert! The concert will be at 8:00 pm, with a meet and greet time after-wards.

Paul Byrom is returning to American audiences for a very limited time this February! Byrom says, "I am excited to bring you *The Great Irish Songbook*! This show is my tip of the hat to all the great Irish songs and songwriters who have come from my small country. It is sure to appeal to all and conjure many emotions!"

Tickets are just \$30 each (**available online only**) and include a Complimentary Meet & Greet with Paul Byrom. Tickets and details can be found online at <http://paulbyrom.ticketleap.com>

Don't miss this opportunity to hear this amazing voice and meet this delightful man!

January 31 – February 7, 2016

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Wednesday, 2/3	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday, 2/6	9:30am	UMW Meeting
Sunday, 2/7	<u>Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection</u>	
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship

Upcoming:

Wednesday, 2/10	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, 2/11	7:00pm	Finance Committee
	7:30pm	Administrative Council
Friday, 2/12	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben
Sunday, 2/14	<u>Loose Change Collection</u>	
	<u>Guest Speaker – Evelyn Penn</u>	
	9:30am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Hosted by Pam & Troy Thompson
Tuesday, 2/16	11:00am	Lenten Study – Daytime Class
	7:00pm	Lenten Study – Evening Class
Thursday, 2/18	7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting

Birthdays This Week (and Last Week)

1/28 Shannon Hartung 2/3 Kristen Ayres
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Visits from the Pastor -- If you desire a visit or know someone who needs a visit please be sure to speak to the Pastor, give him a note or call the church office.

The Board of Trustees will have their annual organizational meeting Thursday, February 18 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry meets this week. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool or meet us there at 10:00 a.m.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**
FEBRUARY 10

Join us on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. for the Ash Wednesday Service. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian

tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.

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, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Clifton Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Clarissa Busby, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Betty Jubb, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayers and Sympathies to the family of Audrey Schindel, who passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks.