

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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His father saw him and...ran to his
son, threw his arms around him and
kissed him.

Luke 15:20



Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2016

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

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***The Call to Worship**

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

The Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn**

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH 98

The Opening Prayer

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit 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)

The Children’s Message (*Canned Food Collection Sunday*)

***Hymn**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH 348

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

p. 1741

Special Music

Kay Roy

The Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

p. 1573

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

The Message

“The Prodigal Son”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Music

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. **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.

[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**

“Love Lifted Me”

CWH 233

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go forth as ambassadors for Christ, in whom we have new life.

The God of reconciliation bless you, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you this day 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.*

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

March 13, 2016:

Scripture Readers: Linda Newton (8:30) Lucy Willard (8:30)
Greeters: Kenny Newton (11:00) Stephenie 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.

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
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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.

MINISTERS:

PRESIDING BISHOP:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members

Young Jin Cho

Theodore Smith

Michael B. Reaves

Marie Williams

Kay Roy

March 6 - 13, 2016

TODAY	Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Tuesday, 3/8	7:00pm Week 3 Lenten Study – Evening Class
Wednesday, 3/9	11:00am Week 3 Lenten Study – Daytime Class
Friday, 3/11	4:00pm Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben
Sunday, 3/13	Loose Change Collection
	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
	8:30am Worship
	9:30am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) Hosted by the Lauber Family
	10:00am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Upcoming:

Tuesday, 3/15	11:00am Week 4 Lenten Study – Daytime Class
	7:00pm Week 4 Lenten Study – Evening Class
Wednesday, 3/16	9:30am Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Sunday, 3/20	Palm Sunday
Friday, 3/25	7:00pm Good Friday Service
Saturday, 3/26	9:30am Set Up for Sunrise Breakfast
Sunday, 3/27	Easter
	6:45am Sunrise Service
	7:15am Sunrise Breakfast
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship

Birthdays This Week

3/10 Makayla Emory 3/11 Bethany Ayres

Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Sunday! Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour before you go to bed next Saturday.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: This will be a simple breakfast with muffins, donuts, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, etc. We need people to help with set up on Saturday, March 26 at 9:30am. We will gladly accept donations of food items as well.

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.

Virginia Conference Disaster Relief for Tornado Damage: Please take a copy of Bishop Cho's letter which outlines the destruction that tornadoes caused to several communities in the commonwealth of Virginia, including Tappahannock, this past Wednesday. Consider making a donation to the VA Conference Disaster Response Advance Special #5307. Read the letter for more details on how you can help.

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, 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, Malone Schooler, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks.