

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
JANUARY 1, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "I Wonder As I Wonder" Niles

- * OPENING SONG "Jesus, Name Above All Names" Hearn
*Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.
(Repeat)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has saved us and called us to a holy life—

All: *not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace.*

One: This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

All: *but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior,*

One: the one who has destroyed death

All: *and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

One: Let us worship the God who has done all of this!

All: *Let us worship God indeed!*

- * HYMN #17 "Sing Praise To God, You Heavens!"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we could proclaim your name during this season, but we spend too much time talking about celebrities. We could tell others about all your gracious deeds, but we are busy comparing notes about the exploits of our favorite athletes. We could let your Word guide our lives, but instead we do what the politicians think is best. Why? Because we forget who we are called to be. But you remember, faithful God. You remember that we put our trust in others, not you; and you remember how we chase after idols, not follow you. But you also you remember to save us in our distress, which is why you sent Jesus to us, to be our Lord and our Savior, and the one in whom we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

All: *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #138 "Who Would Think That What Was Needed?"

FIRST LESSON

Titus 2:2-15 (pg. 1087)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52 (pg. 934)

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (see insert)

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

SERMON

"A New Years' Resolution"

Stacey Steck

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR OFFERING

Offertory:

"Lully Lullay"

Lasky

* Doxology:

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given

Jesus Christ, the Son.

(Repeat)

And now, let the weak say,

"We are strong"

Let the poor say "We are rich

because of what the Lord has

done for us."

(Repeat)

Give Thanks.

* Prayer

* HYMN #127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

"What a Fellowship"

#837

What a fellowship,

what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness,

what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

* POSTLUDE

"Glory to God in the Highest"

Pergolesi

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
and re-worship.blogspot.ca

VISITORS: We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please call the church office at 704-636-1595.

THE FLOWERS on the communion table are given to the glory of God by the Baker Family in celebration of their reunion held here this afternoon, and the arrangement in the vestibule is given in remembrance of Hall Steele by his family.

LITURGIST: Today – Flora Calderón-Steck
Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards

THE NURSERY is located at the top of the stairs in the educational building. We welcome all nursery-aged children to attend during worship.

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of December, we reached 87% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Robert Hall Steele

November 28, 1928 – December 25, 2016

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
	Rebecca Morrison
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr
	Ted Deal
	Carol King
	Linda McCorkle
	OC Shoaf

- Rick Stamper, brother of Nora Patterson & Randy Stamper, is recovering from triple heart bypass
- Jerri Seaboch's brother and former member, Millard Goodnight, is undergoing cancer treatment
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara Phillips
- Dana Milam's friend, Stacia Henry in Jamaica
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments
- Judy Leazer (co-worker of Sharon Deal) is taking Leukemia treatments
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family are missionaries in Pakistan

Notes

