

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2020

CALL TO REVERENCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

arr. Johnson

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We lit candles during Advent to await Christ’s coming.

All: The light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it.

One: In the days that followed Jesus’ birth, a celestial light drew others to Bethlehem. Hear again the story of their journey:

(The Scripture is read.)

One: God’s light has drawn us once again to adoration of Jesus Christ.

All: We bring our gifts again this day.

One: Let us worship the light of the world.

All: Let us worship indeed!

* HYMN #151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION *(Silently and personally, and then in unison)*

Holy God, we search for your light but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking Jesus are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Divine wisdom, for being so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. In his name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

All: Christ’s light has come to all, and we will carry it and give it to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #143

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

ANTHEM

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Pace & Boyce

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Savior on the Run”

Stacey Steck

*HYMN #516, vss. 1, 3

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving (*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*)

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

OUR OFFERING

Offertory “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Jackson/Johnson

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

*BENEDICTION

Christmas Response, #136, refrain

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Stand Up for Jesus”

Webb/Johnson

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from

lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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WELCOME 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 contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

USHERS: **January Team** – Greg Hager (captain), Mike Hawkins, Bill Bergstrom, Steven Wetmore, A.J. Waller

LITURGIST: **This Sunday** – Flora Calderón-Steck

Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the educational building, and is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Robin Luther, Beth Bates

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of December, we have reached 85% of our monthly anticipated contributions and 93% for the year. Your generous gifts do so much toward making us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County! You can now also give conveniently online using the GivePlus+ app.

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers the Session, Deacons, and Staff of the Church, as well as all who faithfully serve one another and our community through the ministries of the church.

Mocksville Senior Living: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Jewell Shoaf, who passed away recently
- Kaye Hawkins' family member, Mitchell
- Ernestine Hoffner, hospitalized
- Tony Albright
- Bill and Carolyn Haggerty, as Bill is being treated for cancer
- The family of Fred Stamper
- Joyce Caldwell, recovering from hip surgery
- Eric Scarborough, Candace McKnight's uncle, recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Cindy, Kaye Hawkins' cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Communities affected by Hurricane Dorian
- Kitty Harris, recovering from hip injury
- Families affected by gun violence
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for leukemia
- Mike Hawkins, ongoing health issues
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Edna Stamper
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN: If you, a family member, or friend would like to be added to our Phone Prayer Chain, please call Jim Albright at 704-279-3317. Thyatira's Phone Prayer Chain is different from being added to our electronic newsletter, mailed newsletter, and bulletin. We have three people that spread the word by calling approximately 25 prayer list members, who add your request to their daily prayers. Whatever your prayer need may be, finding peace of mind provides a foundation of strength to face any situation. Your request is a sacred trust and is kept confidential among our prayer list members.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jan 07 Paul Gaylor, Lauren Luther

Jan 08 Raymond Harcum

Jan 09 Alex Bouk

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup on the table in the hallway across from the office. If you haven't already picked yours up, please stop by before leaving today.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION of new Elders and Deacons takes place next Sunday, January 12. Join us as we lay hands on those whom God has called to serve.

ANNUAL MEETING: Please plan to stay following worship on Sunday, February 2 for Thyatira's Annual Meeting.

GOOD NEWS IS EVERYWHERE! Please take note during your week of God's Good News in your midst and share it with us next Sunday.

JOIN THE CHOIR! It's a new year of song at Thyatira. Add your voice to the choir.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:00am	Deacon's Meeting
	9:30am	Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's "Big Kids" Choir
	9:30am	Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Preschool-K Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship-Ordination & Installation of new officers
	4:00pm	GriefShare
6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice	

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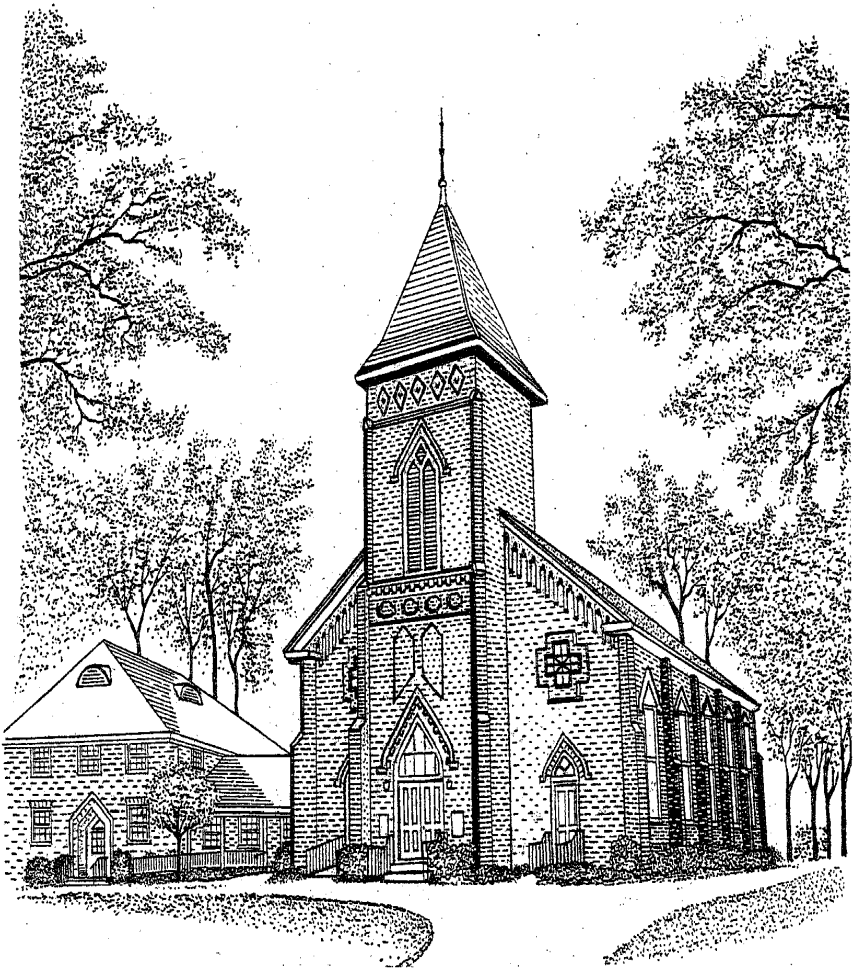
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