

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Take Time”

Avery & Marsh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Where may the newborn King of the world be found?

All: Among us and in our hearts!

One: How shall we find this child-King?

All: By searching, inquiring, praying, and caring.

One: What shall we do when we find him?

All: We shall worship him, as have sages and sinners through the ages. Let us worship God today!

*HYMN #151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Creator of all the stars, we search for your light, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ 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, and fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, compassion, and peace. Forgive us, O holy one, that we are 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: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #141

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A Light Unto the Gentiles”

Stacey Steck

*HYMN #460

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving (*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*)
Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread
The Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Statement On Ordination and Installation
Constitutional Questions

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation, Welcome, & Charge

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "From a Distant Home"

Hopson

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #69

"Here I Am Lord"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#151, refrain)

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**O, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

*POSTLUDE "Angel's Carol"

Rutter

*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** – Mike Hawkins (captain), Bill Bergstrom, Jeremy Deal, Steven Wetmore

LITURGIST: **Today** – 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 – Jessica Swanson, Melissa Kluttz

Next Sunday – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Carillon: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Joy Steele, recovering from surgery
- Joel Wilkie, hospitalized
- Norma Lauder, facing health challenges
- Family of Carol Graham following her death
- Brian Waller recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ted Deal
- Communities affected by California fires, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- Harold Sechler
- Bill McLaughlin
- Edna Stamper
- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Joyce and Danny Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA and osteoporosis
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Tanzania, Africa

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 3 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 07	Paul Gaylor, Lauren Luther
Jan 08	Raymond Harcum
Jan 09	Alex Bouk
Jan 12	Michelle Patterson

CAREWEAR: Updated - We will meet this Tuesday, January 8 in the conference room and then every 1st Tuesday of the month after that until further notice. Please stop by any time between 10am-4pm during these work days. If you have any questions, please speak to Alice Sloop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP: GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. The next thirteen week cycle begins Sunday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m. To register, or for more information, please contact Pastor Stacey at 704-636-1595.

CHILD SAFETY LUNCH AND LEARN: On Sunday, January 13, at a Lunch and Learn following worship, we will be hosting Beth McKeithen, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Rowan, who will help us understand what child abuse is, how to spot it, and how to respond to it. This event will be free of charge and childcare will be available. RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 9 or by using the slip in the bulletin today.

MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST AT DINNERTIME: All men of the church are invited to a time of food and fellowship on Wednesday evening, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy our traditional breakfast food and make plans for the coming year.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2019 are available for pickup in the hallway outside the church office.

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Updated – For the month of December we reached 79% of our monthly goal and 78% of our yearly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts help us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship/Communion Installation & ordination of new officers
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Carewear (until 4pm in conference room)
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
	7:00pm	Tutoring Committee Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Lunch & Learn
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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Organist Ron Mercer

THE SESSION

Moderator The Rev. Stacey Steck
Clerk of Session. Janet Lambert

Class of 2018

Beth Bates
Janet Lambert
Sandra Swanson
Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

David Hall
Norma Lauder
Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

Robin Luther
Doug Patterson
Phares Sechler
Brian Waller

Elder Emeriti. Jim Albright, Charles Newsome

THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. Paul Gaylor

Class of 2018

Eddie Bell
Mike Connolly
Ted Fuller
Paul Gaylor
Ryan Sloop

Class of 2019

Jeremy Deal
Jada Ware-Guy
Daniel Milam
Aaron Richmond
Steven Wetmore

Class of 2020

Mike Hawkins
Randall Patterson
Paul Rogers
AJ Waller
Ben Watts

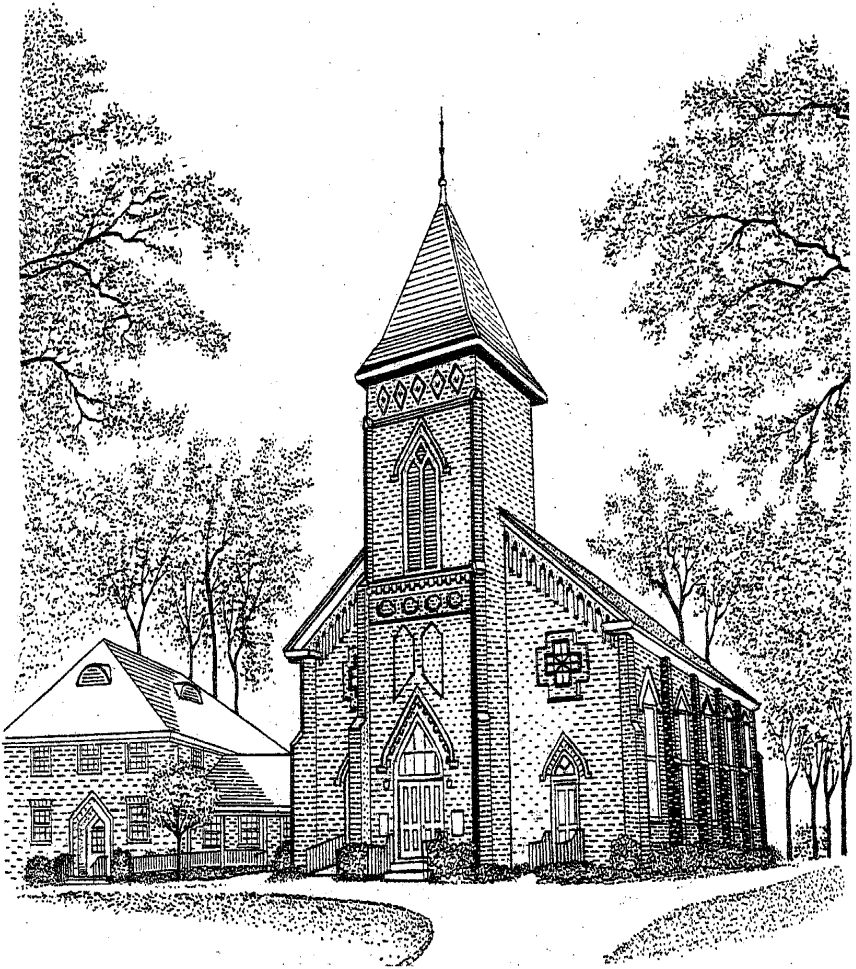
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WELCOME

THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MILL BRIDGE

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