

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Deep River”

Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A voice beckons in the morning, saying,

All: “You are my Beloved.”

One: It is the voice of One we see dimly, we hear faintly.

All: We reach out for that voice, for the One who has claimed us in love.

One: In this time together, may we hear the voice of God who guides us with love and grace.

All: May we know no fear in following.

One: Unafraid, we come into the presence of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work or family, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not changed us. We need to hear your sure word, ‘do not fear,’ and let it sink in. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God’s words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is the good news: we are God's people!

All: Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #482

“Baptized in Water”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Like Cats Swimming”

Stacey Steck

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*)

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Do Not Be Afraid”

Morris

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #76

“Do Not Be Afraid”

(*The Congregation sings the refrain; the Choir sings the verses*)

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#482, vs. 1)

“Baptized in Water”

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.**

*POSTLUDE “Waves at Play”

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*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, A.J. Waller, Steven Wetmore

LITURGIST: **Today** – Melissa Kluttz
Next Sunday – Bill Hall

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 – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: The first week of January we reached 19% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts help us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County!

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

- Family of Mike Connolly, whose father died this week
- Glenn McCorkle, recovering from surgery
- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- 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 & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: Jan 13 Ryan Sloop
Jan 14 Linda Gaylor, Melissa Waller, Mark Seboch

CHILD SAFETY LUNCH AND LEARN: If you registered for this afternoon's Lunch and Learn with Beth McKeithen, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Rowan, please join us by 12:15 in Fellowship Hall.

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.

IT'S TIME FOR TUTORING: Thyatira's Tutoring Ministry begins its 22nd year on January 29 and we need you! Tutors are needed for one hour a week on either Tuesday or Thursday from 6:30- 7:30. Please contact Abby Covington at 704-640-4909 to offer yourself for this life-changing ministry. Not sure yet? Come to our Open House on Wed., January 10 from 5-7 p.m.!

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST: February is Thyatira's month to help supply manpower to RHM-W. If you are able to donate some time on any Friday morning in February, 8:30am-12:00pm, please contact Paul or Linda Rogers to sign-up or for more information.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	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
Monday	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:15am	Preschool
Tuesday	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	5:00pm	Tutoring Open House
	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	6:00pm	Men of the Church - Breakfast at Dinnertime
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
	8:15am	Preschool
Friday	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	8:15am	Preschool
Saturday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	9:00am	Presbyterian Women
Next Sunday	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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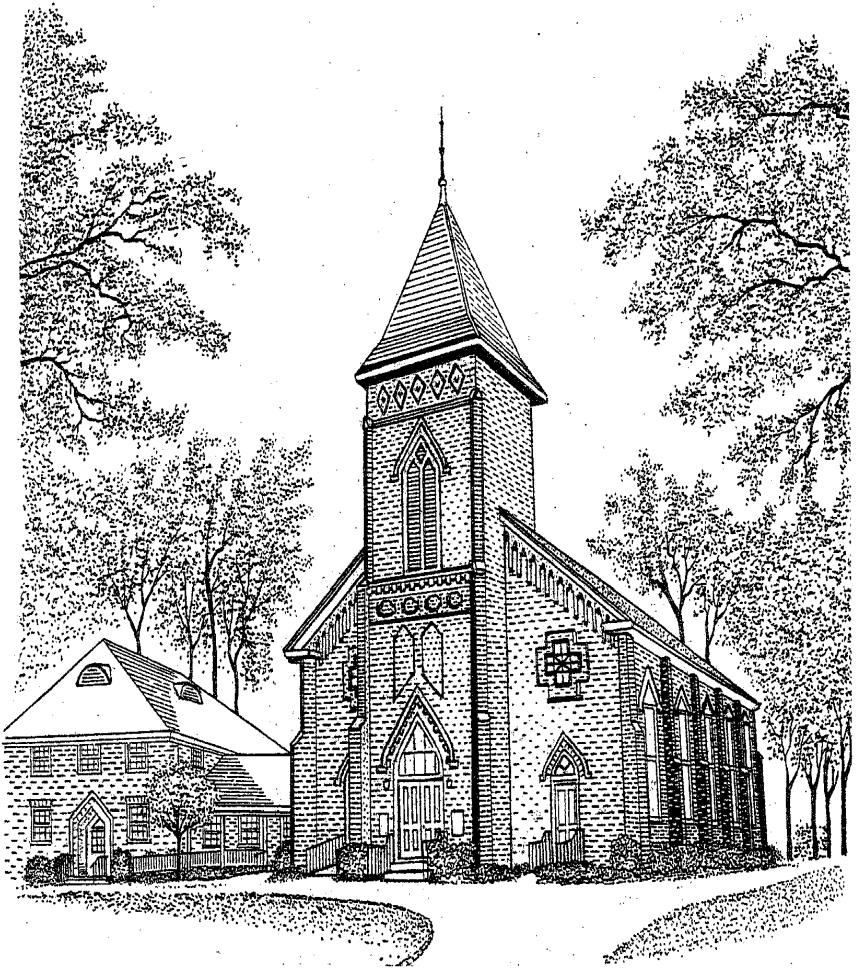
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WELCOME

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