

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“Gesu Bambino”

Yon

* OPENING SONG “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you,

I want to see you. (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up,

Shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love

As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we seek justice for the other, and love kindness more than ever,

All: we live as God asks us to live.

One: When we walk humbly through life, and offer mercy to those who hurt us,

All: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

One: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, and choose weakness rather than power,

All: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

One: Let us worship the God who calls us shine in our world!

All: Let us worship God indeed!

* HYMN #151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Revealing God, we try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time. We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, God of glory and grace. Open our eyes so we may see our sin and acknowledge it. Help us to turn from it and go forth ready to do good for others, to give all praise to you, and to learn justice, grace, and hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus Christ has revealed to us our forgiving and gracious God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pg. 1038)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-36 (pg. 964)

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Feed My Lambs" Sleeth

SERMON "Bringing the Bread" Stacey Steck

* HYMN #688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Jesus, The Light of the World" Elderkin

* 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 #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

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.

"What a Fellowship"

#837

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

* POSTLUDE "March of the Kings" Young

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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.

LITURGIST: Today – Melissa Klutz

Next Sunday – Phares Sechler

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children. For preschoolers and older, the Children's Sacred Space is located in the front of the Sanctuary and is a space to participate quietly and closer to the action under the supervision of our Shushers. The first two pews on the right hand side of the church are a place for older children to sit with our designated "Pew Parents."

This Sunday – Babies: Beth Bates, Leigh Anne Wetmore

Shushers: Courtney Bell, Janet Lambert

Next Sunday – Babies: Debbie Edwards, Robin Luther

Shushers: Linda Rogers, Selena Bell

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of December, we reached our monthly goal at 106%. Great job!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 OC Shoaf

- Ronney Steele and family on the passing of Hall Steele on Dec. 25
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- 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

January Prayer Focus: Discernment

Thank you Lord for your great love for us and that you know our need and the paths that we will take in the future. Help us to discern what our future needs are and not to confuse them with our own desires or the vanities of our hearts. Give us true discernment, we pray.

Lord, our hearts are open to your leading and guidance – and our desire is that we do only those things that are righteous in your sight. For the sake of your name we pray that we may be quiet to listen to your voice, and slow to assume that we know your will when our own thinking gets in the way. Give us true discernment to know your will.

Lord we know that your ways are inscrutable and your mind is unknowable and yet you have chosen to use us to accomplish your purposes – we humbly pray that we may be used by you to be good and faithful witnesses in all we say and do, for our desire is to do your will and not our own. Give us true discernment, we pray, and wise council. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS LAST WEEK:

Jan. 8	Raymond Harcum	14	Linda Gaylor
9	Alexandria Bouk	14	Melissa Waller
12	Michelle Patterson	14	Mark Seaboch
13	Ryan Sloop		

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Wed., January 18. Please have your article into the church office by 12noon.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are located in the hallway of the Educational Building.

BOOK CLUB: The first meeting of the newly formed Book Club will be the fourth Thursday in January (26) at 7:30pm in the church parlor. We will be discussing guidelines and picking books. Please contact Melissa Waller for more information: 704-314-6166, or Melissa.waller@live.com.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:00am	Deacons meet in FH
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship; Communion
	4:00pm	New Officer Training (Elders & Deacons)
Monday		MKL Day – no school
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels

Next Sunday, January 22

8:30am Stated Session
11am Installation of Officers