

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 21, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

Rutter

"Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on.
Four corners to my bed, four angels round my head;
One to watch and one to pray and two to bear my soul away."

IN REMEMBRANCE

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OPENING PRAYER

* OPENING SONG

"Morning Has Broken"

#664

***Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!***

***Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness, where His feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!***

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we make this prayer. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed:
God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts,
God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

All: ***We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.***

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN #308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 62:5-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM "Two Fisherman" Tools
SERMON "The Knots of the Net" Stacey Steck

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" Traditional

* Doxology:

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer

* HYMN #69 "Here I Am Lord"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

#151, refrain

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

* POSTLUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Doran

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today'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 contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

LITURGIST: Today – Leigh Anne Wetmore
Next Week – Millicent Hoffner

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.

This Sunday – Carly Moore, Michelle Patterson

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (2's & 3's and Preschool):

Today – Selena Bell, Aaron Richmond

Next Sunday – Aaron Richmond

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first two weeks in January we have reached 33% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<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

- The family of Tristen Hobbs, who passed away this week
- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- Bob Freeman, recovering from a fall
- Tom Wilson, nephew of Brenda Ward, suffering from blood clots
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- David Grimes, being treated for brain cancer
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Chris, facing health challenges
- Monique's family, following the death of her mother
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues, and the unexpected loss of her cousin
- Thelma Walton, now living at Genesis
- Barbara, in rehab at a nursing facility
- Carol King, receiving cancer treatment
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Betty Morgan, sister of Ruth Albright, recovering after serious car accident
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Tanzania, Africa

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: January 23 - Mariah Watts
24 - John Cocca
25 - Belinda Raymer
26 - Glenn McCorkle, Jon McCachren,
Ashley Wilkie
27 - Jennifer Parish

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place next Sunday, January 28, 2018, immediately following worship. Please join us for this exercise of our constitutional rights and responsibilities as we celebrate what God has accomplished through us in the past year.

GRATITUDE GRAMS IN THE PEWS: If you would like to give thanks for someone or something, please grab a Gratitude Gram from the pew, fill it out and place it in the Offering plate as it goes by. We'll pass it along or publish it in the e-newsletter.

RAYS ADDRESS: If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to Jody, Rebecca, Isaac, Josiah & Caleb Ray serving in Pakistan, you may send them to: Shikarpur Christian Hospital, c/o Ray Family, New Faujdari Road, Shikarpur, Sindh 78100, Pakistan.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Could you spare just an hour and a half a month to make a big difference in someone's day? Rowan County Meals on Wheels is in need of a driver on the fourth Thursday of each month for its Highway 150 route to deliver meals to people in need. The route takes about an hour and a half to complete. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please contact John Sloan at 704-633-3870.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschoolers)
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship (Ordination/Installation)
	2:00pm	Hobbs Memorial Service (at Cavin-Cook FH)
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool Makeup Day (3's & 4's Only)
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study (Conf. Rm.)
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:15pm	Book Club
Saturday	10:00am	Cub Scouts (MRC)
Next Sunday	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschoolers)
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Annual Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth
6:30pm	Adult Choir	