

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 22, 2017

## CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Hopson

## \* 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: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

***All: We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.***

One: Lay down all which is a burden to you!

***All: We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.***

One: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

***All: We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.***

One: Worship God with all your heart!

***All: Let the Lord be praised!***

## \* HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

## \* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

***Loving God, we confess that we have been afraid. We don't listen because we don't want to hear where you challenge us to grow and change. We don't follow Jesus because we are afraid of where he will lead us. We have not gone where you have sent us, because we are afraid that the people we will meet may cause us to reassess the way we see your world. Forgive us for being afraid to listen to you, to follow you, and to go where you have sent us. Grant us the courage to step out in faith, to listen to your voice, and to be changed by your love through others and through your creation. In your son's name we pray. Amen.***

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is our help, so why should we be afraid? God keeps us safe, so there is nothing to dread! This is the good news for all of us.

***All: Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love, we raise shouts of joy: thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.***

## \* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #840 "When Peace like a River" Mueller

GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-42 (pg. 976)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Mueller

SERMON "Wiping the Mud From Our Eyes" Stacey Steck

\* HYMN #727 "The Servant Song"

## 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: "Jerusalem, the Golden" Bock

\* 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 #772 "Live into Hope"

\* BENECTION

Congregational Response "What a Fellowship" #837

***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.***

***Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

\* POSTLUDE "The God of Abraham Praise" Young

\*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)  
and [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org)

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 – Phares Sechler  
Next Sunday – Alice Sloop

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: Debbie Edwards, Robin Luther

Shushers: Linda Rogers, Selena Bell

Next Sunday – Babies: Corrie & Cindy Connolly

Shushers: Melissa Klutz, Lydia Richmond

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first three Sundays in January, we have reached 73% of our monthly goal. Way to go!

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### The Church Triumphant

Emory Knox Graham Jr.

May 5, 1931 – January 19, 2017

### THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Brightmoor Nursing Center:

Frank Fuller

Lutheran Home:

Mullie Varner

Rebecca Morrison

C/O George Calhoun:

Mary Alice Calhoun

White Oak Manor, Charlotte:

Ruby Erwin

At Home:

JoAnn Kerr

Ted Deal

Carol King

OC Shoaf

- Carol Graham and family on the passing of EK
- 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

O Lord, our God, you have made us to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill our deepest longings. We know that you are in all things, and that you have given us the path that leads us to you. Send your Holy Spirit upon us anew: into our common mind, to show us what you want of us; into our hearts, to give us the determination to do it, and to do it with all our love, all our mind, and with all of our strength right to the end. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jan. 23	Mariah Watts	26	Jon McCachren
24	John Cocca	26	Ashley M. Wilkie
25	Belinda Raymer	27	Jennifer Parish
26	Glenn McCorkle		

VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR THE RHM SHELTER: On Thursday, January 27, we need servers for the evening meal. Those wanting to volunteer can contact me @ 704-202-3634 or [melissaklutz@gmail.com](mailto:melissaklutz@gmail.com). It is a rewarding experience for those that have never volunteered before. The Lost Sheep SS Class will prepare the meal, we just need servers.

THE VALENTINE'S DINNER for Seniors 50+ will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the office door or email Corrie Connolly at [Corrie.Connolly@gmail.com](mailto:Corrie.Connolly@gmail.com) to RSVP.

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](mailto:Melissa.waller@live.com).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Stated Session
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship; Installation of Officers
Monday	No Preschool or Scouts -- Public schools have teacher workday	
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Tutoring
	7:30pm	Book Club, Parlor
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	TMA Board meeting
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels

## Next Sunday, January 29

10am 5<sup>th</sup> Adult Sunday School Presentation:  
Justin & Kristen Raymer as Missionaries in Africa  
12pm Annual Congregational Meeting