

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2, 2020

CALL TO REVERENCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Matin”

G. Young

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**All: we live as God asks us to live.**

One: When we walk humbly through life, when we 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, when we choose weakness rather than power,

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

One: When we worship the Lord, we proclaim to the world that we know we are not God, the Creator of the universe.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN #396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

\*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (*Silently and personally, and then in unison*)

**What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: What has God done to us? Shown mercy! What has God done for us? Forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

**All: We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #175

“Seek Ye First”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

ANTHEM “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Trad., arr. Costen

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

One: This too is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Stay Foolish, People”

Stacey Steck

\*HYMN #517, vss. 1-2

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving (*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*)

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

OUR OFFERING

Offertory “Improvisation on Whispering Hope”

Chandler

\*Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\*Prayer

\*HYMN #172

“Blest Are They”

\*BENEDICTION

Epiphany Response, #192, refrain

“Shine, Jesus, Shine,”

**Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the father’s glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Fanfare”

G. Young

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://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: **February Team** – Brandon Hoffner (captain), Melissa Waller, Paul Gaylor, Bradley McKnight, Randall Patterson

LITURGIST: **This Sunday** – Bill Hall **Next Sunday** – Millicent Hoffner

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** – Carly Moore, Selena Bell

**Next Sunday** – Jada Ware-Guy, Flora Calderón-Steck

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of January we reached 102% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts do so much toward making us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County!

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Mocksville Senior Living: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- Bill Bergstrom, hospitalized
- Joyce Caldwell, recovering from a kidney infection
- Pamela Reeves, Sandra Swanson's sister-in-law, being treated for cancer
- Kaye Hawkins' family members, Cindy, Kaye Hawkins' cousin, diagnosed with cancer, and Mitchell
- Ernestine Hoffner, hospitalized
- Tony Albright
- Bill and Carolyn Haggerty, as Bill is being treated for cancer
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues
- Families affected by gun violence
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for leukemia
- Mike Hawkins, ongoing health issues
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Edna Stamper
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr

**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 three 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.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Feb 02 Ted Fuller

Feb 03 Aaron Richmond

Feb 04 Cala Rae Cocca, Jerry Deal

Feb 05 Ashlea Armstrong, Laura Ingram, Randy Stamper, Julian Steck

Feb 07 Corrie Connolly, Steve Moss

Feb 08 Haley Seaboch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Please plan to stay following worship today for Thyatira's Annual Meeting. The Annual Report is available this morning in advance of the meeting, but kindly refrain from reading it during worship!

**CUB SCOUT PANCAKE FUNDRAISER:** A pancake breakfast will be served by Cub Pack 476 on Sunday, February 9 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea. Free will donations go towards scouting fees.

**VALENTINE'S DINNER** will be hosted by Thyatira's Youth on Saturday, February 15 at 5:30pm for Thyatira members 50+ years young. Please signup on the youth bulletin board or by contacting the church office or Melissa Waller.

**TUTORING BEGINS SOON:** For more than 20 years, Thyatira has helped Mt. Ulla students with schoolwork and companionship. Please sign up to make a difference in a child's life. Tuesday and Thursday times available. Please complete flyer in today's bulletin to indicate your interest.

**GOOD NEWS IS EVERYWHERE!** Please take note during your week of God's Good News in your midst and share it with us next Sunday.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	Children's "Big Kids" Choir
	9:30am	Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Preschool-K Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday		Preschool Closed
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	8:30am	Cub Scout Pancake Fundraiser
	9:30am	Children's "Big Kids" Choir
	9:30am	Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Preschool-K Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship – Scout Sunday
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice	
	6:30pm	Confirmation Class

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Doug Patterson  
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Abby Covington  
Ed Hall  
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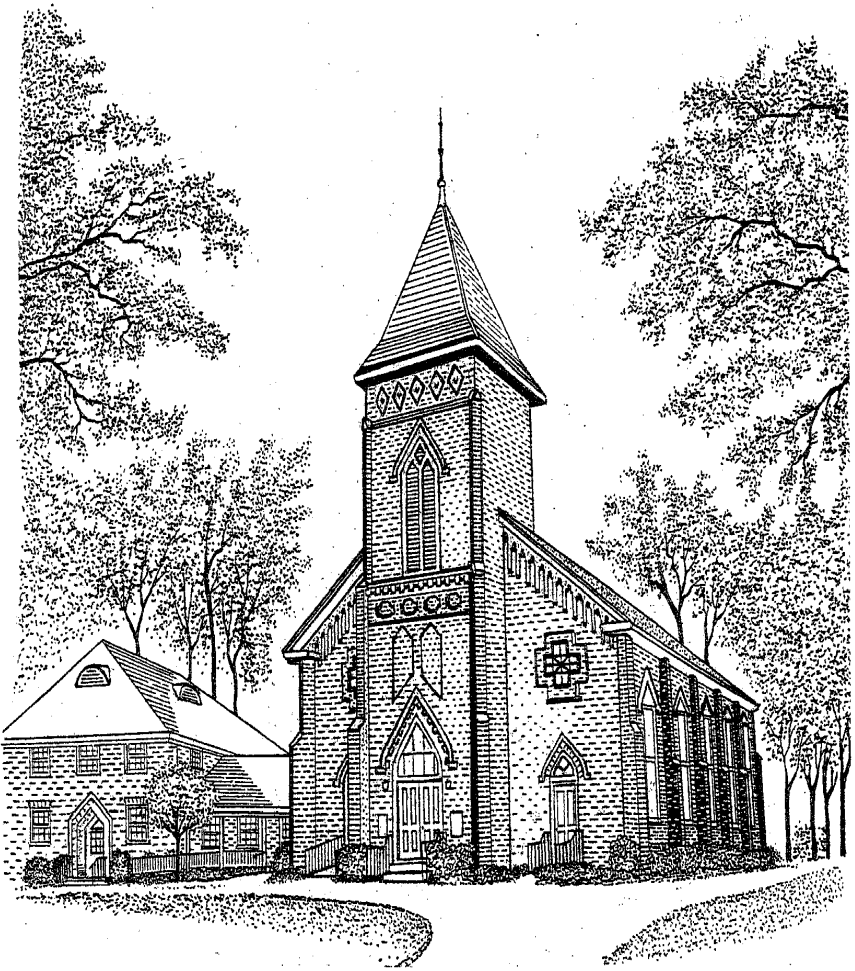
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