

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

CALL TO REVERENCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Bock

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let’s praise God together!

**All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s tell stories of God’s power and majesty, God’s mighty acts throughout history:

**All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s remember the compassion God has shown toward us; God’s mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

**All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

**All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise! Let us worship our great and praiseworthy God together!**

\*OPENING SONGS

“O Lord, Our Lord,” #613

“Great Are You Lord,” #614

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

**Almighty God, we confess that we have taken Your commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the Way that was shown by You to live, loving God and loving our neighbors. Forgive us for turning Your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead of a Way to love and freedom in You. In the name of Christ, who has given us the Way and leads us on, we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You are loved, dear ones. Love is the Way. When you love God, you love others. When you truly lay down your life for others, you lay down your life for God. This is the way of Christ.

**All: We will give ourselves to God by serving others, knowing that in God’s love there is forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #13

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

ANTHEM

“I Will Serve the Lord All My Days”

Price & Besig

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

One: This too is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Aiming in the Right Direction”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Mansfield

\*Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\*Prayer

\*HYMN #846

“Fight the Good Fight”

\*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 “He Who Would Valiant Be” Bock/Yoda

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)  
and [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org)

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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** - Bill Bergstrom, Mike Corriher, Ted Fuller, Paul Gaylor, Melissa Waller (captain)

LITURGIST: **This Sunday** – Flora Calderón-Steck

**Next Sunday** – Leigh Anne Wetmore

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** – Lydia Richmond, Dana Milam

**Next Sunday** – Nora Dellinger, Linda Rogers

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first two Sundays in February, we reached 43% 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

- The family of Joyce Caldwell following her death
- Randall Patterson, being treated for cancer
- Bill Bergstrom, hospitalized with heart issues
- Pamela Reeves, Sandra Swanson's sister-in-law, being treated for cancer
- Kaye Hawkins' family members, Cindy, diagnosed with cancer, and Mitchell
- Ernestine Hoffner
- 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 16 Katlyn Beard, Tina Hall, Millicent Hoffner

Feb 17 Alexander Nabors

Feb 18 Cameron Reber, Zachery Reber

Feb 19 Blake White

Feb 20 Lauren Corriher

Feb 21 Tim Walton

Feb 22 Sam Daniel, Carri Davis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** If you have changed address, phone number or email during the past year please contact the church office or put a note in the offering plate with your new contact information. A new directory will soon be printed and distributed.

**MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST:** Join us next Sunday at 8:30am for breakfast, fellowship and an inspiring message from our special guest, David Freeze. He is an author, fitness enthusiast, cyclist, certified running coach and adventurer. He recently cycled from Nevada to Alaska. You don't want to miss his stories of faith, determination, and adventure.

**MOVIE NIGHT AT THYATIRA TONIGHT:** Keith Townsend has put together a thought-provoking cinema series you can enjoy together with your brothers and sisters at Thyatira once a month during 2020. The first film, "Never Cry Wolf," will be screened on Sunday, February 16. The story of a young researcher is sent into the Canadian Arctic to discover why the herds of caribou are diminishing. He discovers a world of adventure, conflict, and haunting beauty. Come for pizza beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the film beginning at 5:30. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the pizza.

**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	9:30am	Children's "Big Kids" Choir and Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Preschool-K Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare
	5:00pm	Movie Night
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday		Preschool Closed
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool ( <i>10am Parent Appreciation Day</i> )
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Men of the Church Breakfast
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	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare
	6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
6:30pm	Confirmation Class	

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### STAFF

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Organist . . . . . Charles Chandler

### THE SESSION

Moderator . . . . . The Rev. Stacey Steck  
Clerk of Session. . . . . Glenn McCorkle

#### Class of 2020

Robin Luther  
Doug Patterson  
Phares Sechler  
Brian Waller

#### Class of 2021

Beth Bates  
Abby Covington  
Ed Hall  
Glenn McCorkle

#### Class of 2022

Bill Hall  
David Hall  
Norma Lauder  
Lydia Richmond

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### THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. . . . . Ben Watts

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Mike Hawkins  
Randall Patterson  
Paul Rogers  
A.J. Waller  
Ben Watts

#### Class of 2021

Bill Bergstrom  
Mike Corriher  
Ted Fuller  
Paul Gaylor  
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Bradley McKnight  
Steven Wetmore  
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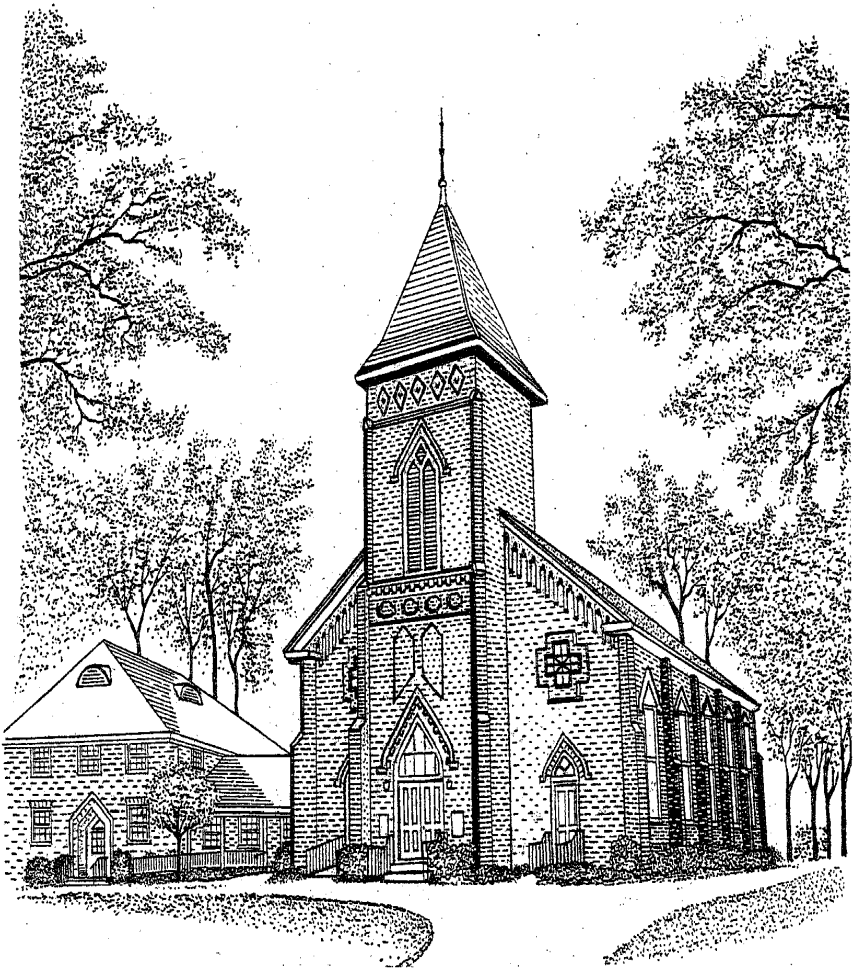
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