

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE "Kyrie" Mozart

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The season of Kyrie Eleison invites us

**All: To beg God's mercy.**

One: The season of repentance calls us to turn around

**All: To look in God's direction.**

One: The season of penitence gives us the opportunity

**All: To seek God's strength to ask forgiveness.**

One: The season of ashes and tears is upon us.

**All: Let us worship God these forty days of Lent.**

\* HYMN #165 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

### \* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, forgive us: Lost in ourselves, we dwell endlessly on yesterday's embarrassment, anger, and grief. Lost in our domain, it is hard to see beyond yesterday's fighting, suspicion, and fear. Lost in our fantasy, it is tempting to live in yesterday's illusions. So fill us with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that we might be lost in the wonder and sanity of today, and tomorrow, and your hope. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: What can sustain us in the days to come, what will nourish us on our Lenten journey? Look, here is all the grace we need: God's Love, God's Word, God's Hope.

**All: Through the wilderness and into the kingdom of life, we are given daily bread for every day of the journey. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

#### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON Genesis 9:8-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:18-22

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arr. Shelton

SERMON "Rub-a-Dub-Dub" Stacey Steck

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Sandra Kern  
Charlotte Ann Swanson, daughter of Michael & Jessica Swanson

\* 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adam Swanson

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Trad.

\* 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 #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" #750

*Goodness is stronger than evil  
Love is stronger than hate.  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.  
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\* POSTLUDE

"Siyahamba"

South African

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://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.

**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.

**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 – Karen Townsend, Flora Calderón-Steck  
Next Sunday – Janet Lambert, Lydia Richmond

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

Today – Abby Covington, Alice Sloop  
Next Sunday – Selena Bell, Aaron Richmond

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** Through the second week in February we have reached 27% of our monthly goal. Let's finish the month strong!

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<u>Genesis:</u>	Thelma Walton
<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

- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Tom Turner, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- The family of Tristen Hobbs, who passed away
- 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
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues, and the unexpected loss of her cousin
- 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
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis, 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:** February 18 – Cameron Reber, Zachery Reber  
19 – Blake White  
20 – Lauren Corriher  
21 – Tim Walton  
22 – Carri Davis  
23 – Chloe Patterson

**LENTEN MEAL AND STUDY:** Please join us each Wednesday evening in Lent beginning February 21 at 6:00 for a simple meal and study of the PBS series *Race: The Power of Illusion*. Child care is available.

**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 with Baptism
Monday	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	7:30pm	C2C Meeting (Parlor)
	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Lenten Supper and Study (FH)
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:30pm	Book Club (Parlor)
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