

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

CALL TO REVERENCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Gentle Shepherd”

Gaither

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to be here in this sacred space,

All: in the shelter of God’s love and hope.

One: It is good to be here with folks we know well,
as well as with new friends,

**All: joining with all of God’s beloved,
sisters and brothers of Jesus.**

One: It is good to be here, where we can hear God’s voice,

All: calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit’s presence.

One: It is good to be here, worshiping the Lord

All: giving thanks and praise for life and love.

*OPENING SONG “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining,” #192

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

God of mercy and grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us, yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate. You give us the ministry of reconciliation, yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration, yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth, yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us. You bless our lives with boundless love, yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected. But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God’s glory! Let us speak aloud the good news:

All: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!

One: Go, share the vision!

All: We will tell of God’s love! In this God is well pleased!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

ANTHEM “The Gift of Love”

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FIRST LESSON

Psalm 2

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

One: This too is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Listen to Him"

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory "Sweet By and By"

Webster/Hughes

*Doxology

Hymnal, #606

*Prayer

*HYMN #193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

*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 "Love Divine"

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*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
and 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)

Upcoming March Team - Greg Hager (captain), Brandon Hoffner, Bradley McKnight, Steven Wetmore, Ashley Wilkie

LITURGIST: **This Sunday** – Leigh Anne Wetmore

Next Sunday – Phares Sechler

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 – Nora Dellinger, Linda Rogers

Next Sunday – Candace McKnight, Melissa Kluttz

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first three Sundays in February, we reached 71% 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

- OC Shoaf, recovering from a fall
- Kitty Harris, being treated for severe headaches
- The family of Joyce Caldwell following her death
- Randall Patterson, being treated for cancer
- Bill Bergstrom, in rehab following hospitalization
- 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
- 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 23 Chloe Patterson

Feb 24 Kathryn Hall

Feb 25 Tony Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you had a change of 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: Join us Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 to receive the Invitation to a Holy Lent and the Imposition of Ashes which reminds us of our human frailty.

LENTEN SUPPERS COMING SOON: Join us on Wednesday, March 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m. as we kick off our annual Lenten Suppers with a community-wide screening of the award-winning documentary, Resilience, which looks at the impact of chronic stress, as well as offers insights about how to address it. Subsequent weeks will feature speakers about a variety of mental health-related issues, including suicide prevention, foster parenting, and the challenges faced by high school students.

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	8:30am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	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
	6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:00am	Deacon 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
	6:30pm	Adult Choir Practice

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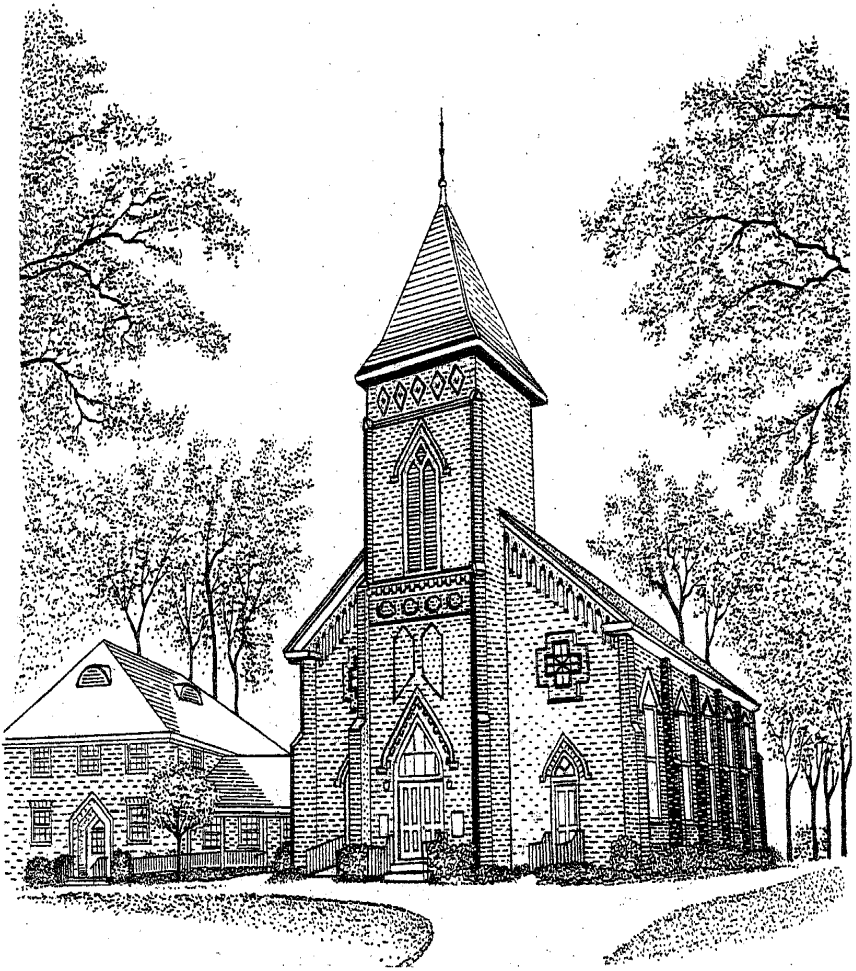
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