

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

## CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “No Time for Caution”

Zimmer

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The enemy: love them  
The oppressor: walk the mile with them  
The Master: turn the other cheek to them

**All: This doormat faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully always seem to win**

One: The enemy: imbalance them with love  
The oppressor: shame the law that oppresses  
The Master: turn the cheek as an equal

**All: This rebellious faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice by the bullied. But this is heaven’s revolution and we are called into it. Come let us worship love’s rebel, Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

## \*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Here we are again, God, with all that makes us who we are, all that fills our lives. We carry into this place of joy and freedom the burdens we just can’t seem to lay down, the weight of all the scores we long to have settled, the justice we want to demand for the wrongs we have suffered. Yet we also know what would happen if you were to deal with us justly, holding against us our greed and violence, our betrayals and lusts. If justice was served in our lives we could not stand. So forgive us our wrongs, O God. Forgive us as we do not deserve; forgive us against the demands of justice; and forgive our obsession that justice be done to those who have wronged us. May our worship lead us to the place where our hunger for grace and mercy may be filled, and where we may be freed from the tyranny of vengeance. Help us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Take delight in the good news, dear friends. Salvation is from our God, who restores us to new life.

**All: God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart’s desires; God provides healing and hope to all. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #819

“Be Still My Soul”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:1-10

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-36

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Charles Atlas and the Gospel”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

\* Prayer

Hymnal, #606

\*HYMN #295

“Go to the World”

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#482, vs. 1)

“Baptized in Water”

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.**

\*POSTLUDE

“Difficult”

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from  
lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com, sacredise.com, and nkchurch.org.uk

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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** – Melissa Waller (captain), Aaron Richmond, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam, Randall Patterson

**Upcoming March Team** – Jada Ware-Guy (captain), Ben Watts, Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Mike Corriher

LITURGIST: **Today** – Leigh Anne Wetmore

**Next Sunday** – Flora Calderón-Steck

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 three weeks in February, we reached 54% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts help 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

- Ruth Thompson recovering from a pacemaker implant
- The Organist Search Committee
- The family of Johnny Caldwell following his death
- Mike Hawkins, recovering from a viral infection
- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Norma Lauder, facing health challenges
- Ted Deal
- Communities affected by California fires, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- Bill McLaughlin
- Edna Stamper
- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Joyce and Danny Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Tanzania, Africa

**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 3 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 24 Kathryn Hall

Feb 25 Tony Harris

Mar 01 Michael Belk

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**POOR MAN'S SUPPER:** The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts invite you to attend their annual Poor Man's Supper Fundraiser on Monday, February 25 in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Pinto Beans, cornbread, slaw, dessert, tea, and water will be served.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING FEEDBACK:** Written feedback on the Strategic Planning Recommendations will be accepted until Feb. 28. Please share your thoughts and help the committee shape the final plan!

**ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST:** February is Thyatira's month to help supply manpower to RHM-W. If you are able to donate some time on any Friday morning in February, 8:30am-12:00pm, please contact Paul or Linda Rogers to sign-up or for more information.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN:** Thyatira Preschool is accepting applications for 2 and 4 year-olds (age as of 8/31/19) for the 2019-2020 school year. (3's class has been filled.) Classes begin Tuesday, August 13. If you know someone who may be interested, they may contact the church office or go the church website for the registration form.

**PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:** Do you have a flexible Mon-Fri morning schedule and a passion for the education of young children? We are looking for substitutes for the preschool when the regular teachers are absent. Preschool substitutes are paid. Please contact the church office at 704-636-1595 if you are interested.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	5:00pm	Poor Man's Supper – Boy & Cub Scouts Fundraiser
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Thursday	7:00pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Smart Start
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Tutoring
	7:30pm	Christian Education Meeting
	8:15am	Preschool
Next Sunday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:00am	Deacon Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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David Hall  
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Doug Patterson  
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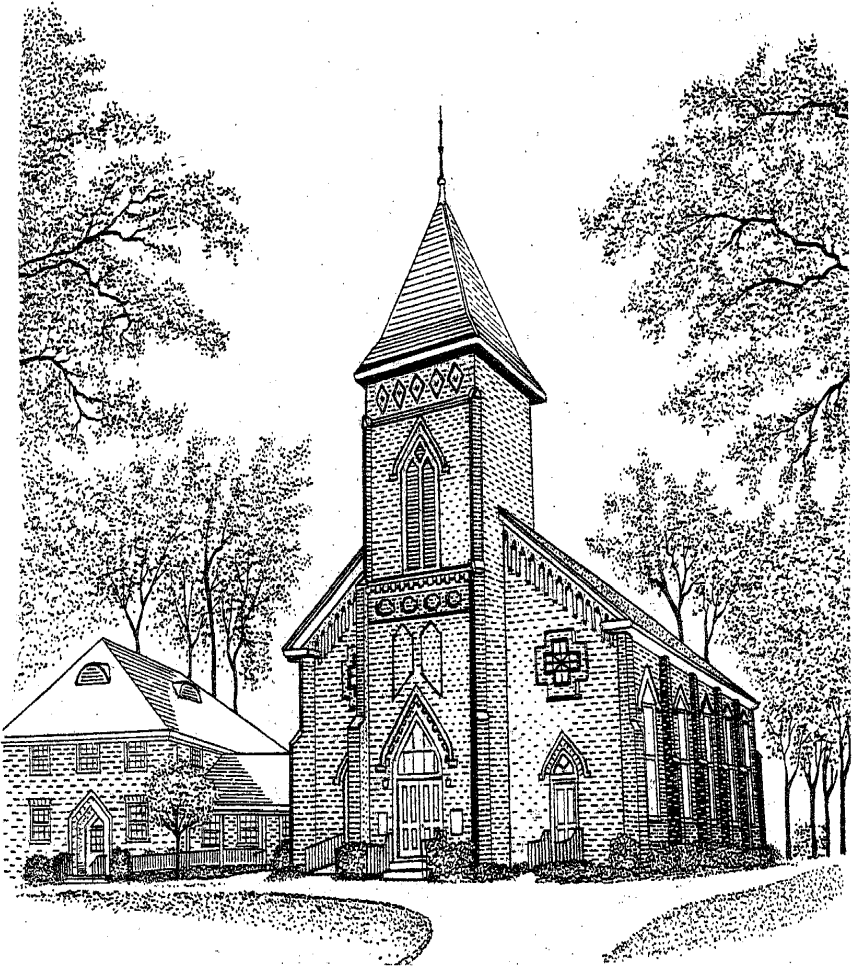
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Girl Scouts. . . . . Jada Ware-Guy

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