

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 26, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "With A Voice of Singing" Shaw

* 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 worship God!

All: *It is good to worship God indeed!*

* SONG

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

(Refrain)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you,

I want to see you. (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up,

Shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love

As we sing "Holy, holy, holy." (Refrain)

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see you. (x3)

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have tried to put you in a box. We have shirked the hard work of understanding you and your ways for the simple and easy pleasures of life. We have set burdens upon others that we do not bear ourselves. We have attributed wealth and worldly success as blessings from you, contrary to your teaching. We have determined that serving our own interests best serves you, because we have mistaken worldly happiness for the joy that your love brings. Forgive us, Lord. Call us away from the temptations of the world to put you in a box, and instead, break open in us your ways of love, forgiveness, mercy, and justice. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is no mountain too high, no valley too low, where God cannot find us. There is no limit on grace or forgiveness, and God's steadfast love is immeasurable. Know that you are beloved by God, forgiven, and restored.

All: *In Jesus Christ, we will live into God's ways of justice and peace, knowing that the power of God's love is far beyond what we could ever hope and imagine. Amen!*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-8

ANTHEM

"With Endless Praise!"

Price and Besig

SERMON

"Now You See It; Now You Don't"

Stacey Steck

MUSICAL REFLECTION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (and the Lord's Prayer)

OUR OFFERING

Offertory:

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Redman

* Doxology:

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given

Jesus Christ, the Son.

(Repeat)

And now, let the weak say,

"We are strong"

Let the poor say "We are rich

because of what the Lord has done for us."

(Repeat)

Give Thanks.

* Prayer

* HYMN 43

"On Eagles' Wings"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

What a fellowship,

what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness,

what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

"What a Fellowship"

#837

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

* POSTLUDE "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Kingsfold

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from
lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and rev-o-lution.org

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 call the church office at 704-636-1595.

WE WELCOME to Thyatira the choir of John Calvin Presbyterian Church of Salisbury. Thanks for helping us to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

GUEST PIANIST: We welcome Sabrina Roberts who is filling in for Ron Mercer today.

LITURGIST: Today – Melissa Kluttz

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, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Babies: Courtney Bell, Janet Lambert
Shushers: Jessica Swanson, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Babies: Melissa Waller, Abby Covington
Shushers: Linda Rogers, Selena Bell

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first three weeks in February, we are at 86% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Brightmoor Nursing Center: Frank Fuller

Lutheran Home: Mullie Varner
Rebecca Morrison

C/O George Calhoun: Mary Alice Calhoun

White Oak Manor, Charlotte: Ruby Erwin

At Home: JoAnn Kerr
Ted Deal
Carol King
OC Shoaf
Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery)
Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery)
Jerri Seaboch

- The family of Brian Waller, following the death of his grandmother.
- The family of Mike Corriher following the death of his mother, Betty Wood
- Todd Bare, nephew of Kitty & Tony Harris, who is recovering from cancer surgery at Duke University Hospital
- Sharon Deal's friend and coworker, Judy Leazer, passed away on Jan. 24 at Baptist Hospital
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Jerri Seaboch's brother and former member, Millard Goodnight, is undergoing cancer treatment
- Dana Milam's friend, Stacia Henry in Jamaica
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family are missionaries in Pakistan

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 19	Blake White	24	Kathryn J. Hall
21	Tim Walton	25	Tony Harris
22	Sam Daniel	March 2	Michael Belk
23	Chloe Patterson		

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Please join us for the Invitation to Observe Lent and the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This meaningful service marks the beginning of the mysterious and penitential season of Lent, the forty days preceding Easter.

LENT: On Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning March 8, we'll meet in Fellowship Hall for a simple supper and study of our discipleship. Pastors from other area churches will be leading our study each week. These pastors are part of a group that meets each week during the year to study the Lectionary pages, and have for many years taught in each other's churches during Lent. Pastor Stacey is part of this group. Join us for Supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the study at 6:30.

March 8 – Pastor Sean Barrett from St. Peter's Lutheran Church

CPR/BLS: Certification and recertification will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, April 8 from 8 am – 12noon. There is a sign up sheet outside the church office for those who would like to participate. Cost is \$35. The Session normally encourages a few church officers to be certified. Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups are required to have certified leaders during meetings and activities. Contact the church office for additional information.

CELEBRATING OUR LIVING LEGACY: Thyatira has more than 260 years under its belt and has done its share of bringing Good News to Mill Bridge and beyond. On Sunday, March 26, we'll celebrate what God has helped us to accomplish so we can remember just what we are capable of! Stay tuned for more details, but plan to be at church beginning at 9:30 for this grand celebration of God's faithfulness.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels

Next Sunday – March 5

8am Men of the Church Breakfast

9am Deacons

11am Communion