

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“Somnus”

Shimomura, arr. Grissini

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

All: Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

One: On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

All: With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

One: On the playground, and at the workstation,

All: the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

One: Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams,

All: and offering them to God. Alleluia!

*HYMN #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator. For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we speak hurtful words, or whiten with fear of those who are different, or redden from the depths of our shame. We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces around us etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness. You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Love, our Justice. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

All: By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #452

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Just Look at Their Bright Shining Faces!” Stacey Steck

*HYMN #515, vs. 1-2 “I Come With Joy”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*concl. w/ the Lord’s Prayer*)

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People (*by intinction*)

Prayer after Communion

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #192 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*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 “Dancing Mad” Uematsu, arr. Grissini

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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

LITURGIST: **Today** – Flora Calderón-Steck
Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards

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 – Jessica Swanson, Melissa Kluttz

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of February, we reached 70% 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

- David Hall and family following the death of Dana Hall
- Georgia McCorkle recovering from surgery
- Bob Freeman recovering from surgery
- Ruth Thompson recovering from pacemaker implant
- The Organist Search Committee
- The family of Johnny Caldwell following his death
- Mike Hawkins, being treated for back pain
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Join us Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. as we are invited to a Holy Lent and receive the Imposition of Ashes.

IMPLEMENT LENT AT OUR LENTEN SUPPERS: Join us at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 13, as we deepen our devotion during this penitential season. We'll share a simple meal, worship by candlelight, and reflect on the season. Childcare is available.

LET'S CELEBRATE RON MERCER: Join us Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to give thanks for the music ministry of our long-time organist Ron Mercer. We'll enjoy light refreshments and have a chance to share with Ron what he has meant to us.

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	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacon Meeting
	9:30am	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
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Carewear
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Tutoring
	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	2:00pm	Ron Mercer Celebration
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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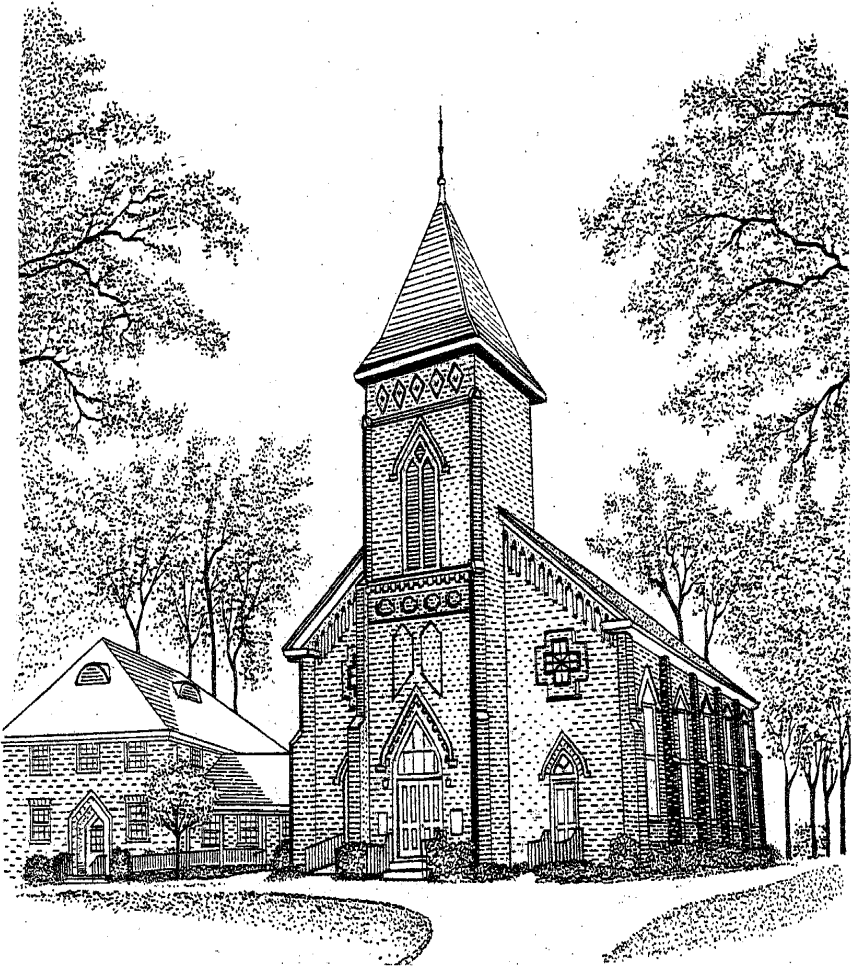
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WELCOME

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