

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Draw Me Close to You" Carpenter

*Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend*

*You are my desire
No one else will do
Cause no one else could take your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way
Lead me back to You*

*You're all I want
You're all I ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near*

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Exodus 3*)

One: When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see the burning bush, God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

All: And Moses said, "Here I am."

One: Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

All: And God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

One: Again this morning, we stand on holy ground.

All: Then there is only one thing to do...

* HYMN

"Only By Grace"

*Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb*

*Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come*

*Lord, if You marked our transgressions
Who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb (x2)*

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, led by the crafter of lies, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-doing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle. Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next. In his name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: in Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven. We are not trapped in temptation but free to love.

All: Praise be to God for life in all its fullness!

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (pg 2)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:1-13 (pg 936)

ANTHEM "How Deep the Father's Love" Townend

SERMON "On Going Barefoot in Lent" Stacey Steck

HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Ah, Holy Jesus" Wyton

* Doxology:

***Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures
high and low.***

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer

* HYMN 783 "When We Are Tested"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children" #469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

* POSTLUDE "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" Young

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from 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 call the church office at 704-636-1595.

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

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

Next Sunday – Babies: Beth Bates, Lydia Richmond
Shushers: Corrie & Cindy Connolly

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of February, we reached our monthly goal at 118%. Way to go!

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

- David Gooch, brother-in-law of Nora Patterson and Randy Stamper has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- The family of Debbie Edwards, following the death of her mother, Peggy McConnell on Feb. 27
- 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:

March 8 Tristen Hobbs
10 Sara Milam

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: Join us Sunday, March 26 for the first congregational event in our efforts to discern God's vision for Thyatira. We're calling it "Celebrating Our Living Legacy" and we'll be remembering all the wondrous acts of God lived out through Thyatira over the years. The schedule for that day will be as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. – A delicious Biscuit Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 – While children are in their regular Sunday School, all adults will gather in Fellowship Hall for a great series of activities celebrating our past and getting stamps in our "Passport to the Future."
- 11:00 – We'll worship in Fellowship Hall under the theme "The Acts of the Thyatirans," hearing stories of God's great deeds of power from both the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible, and also from some saints of Thyatira.

All adults are invited for both Sunday School and worship. Sabrina Roberts and friends will provide great music for our morning together.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship; Communion
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
	6:00pm	Lenten Supper & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
	5:30pm	Worship Committee
	6:30pm	Tutoring
	7:30pm	Finance
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	6:30am	Community Breakfast

Next Sunday – March 12

8:30am Stated Session