

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Hymn Prelude on Rhosymede” Vaughan Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk:

**All: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul;
to the workplaces which weary us;
to the people who confuse us;
to the faith which threatens us.**

One: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness,
we are called to wait:

**All: when our clenched stomachs awaken us;
in the moments of unbearable sorrow;
with the angels who would carry us.**

One: Here, where time is fulfilled, where God’s Kingdom is as near
to us as our neighbor, we begin Lent:

**All: with the Beloved,
whose tears wash away our fears,
with the God who will not let go of our hands.**

One: Let us worship the God who calls to a Holy Lent.

*HYMN #618 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where you invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom. Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having, and wanting more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted. We offer you our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet on the road to Easter, confident you will guide our steps in Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our Lenten journey has begun. God has shown us the way of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

All: Forgiveness is the path can follow. Thanks be to God!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #166 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 91

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM. "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Trad.

SERMON

Stacey Steck

"Notes from Jesus' Journal: Just a Walk in the Desert"

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#543, vs. 1)

"O Christ Surround Me"

God be the love to search and keep me;

God be the prayer to move my voice;

God be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

*POSTLUDE

"Batalha de sexto Tom"

Anonymous

*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** – Debbie Edwards

Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz

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 – Jessica Swanson, Melissa Kluttz

Next Sunday – Candace McKnight, Lydia Richmond

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first week in March, we reached 22% 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

- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for an undetermined illness
- Johnny Moore, being treated for a recurrence of cancer
- David Hall and family following the death of Dana
- Georgia McCorkle recovering from surgery
- Ruth Thompson recovering from pacemaker implant
- The Organist Search Committee
- 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

March 10 Sara Milam

March 12 Emma Guy

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

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 this afternoon, 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	8:30am	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
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool (Picture Day)
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Lenten Meal & Study
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Congregational Care Meeting
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	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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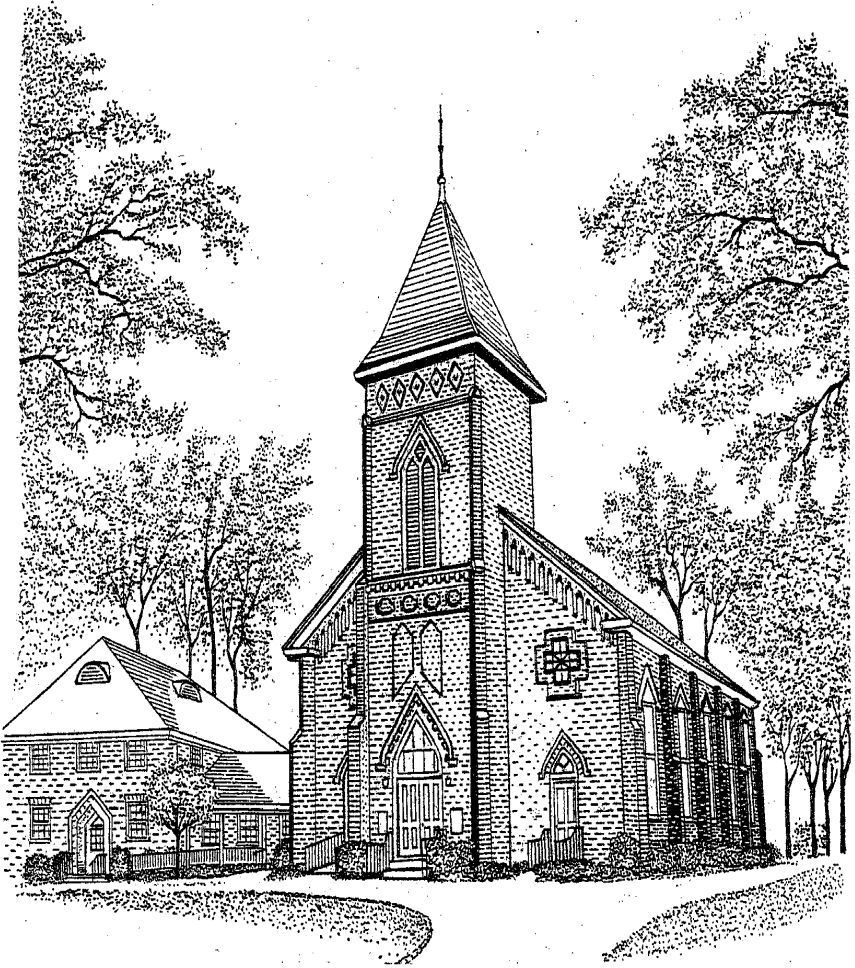
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WELCOME

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