

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“The Gift Of Love”

Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Only By Grace”

Gustafson

*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)*

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Genesis 11)

One: Once, the whole world had one language and the same words.

All: And they said to themselves, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens.

One: So the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the mortals had built.

All: And God said, “This is only the beginning of what they will do. Nothing will be impossible for them.”

One: So the Lord scattered them abroad from there all over the face of the earth, and they left off building the city.

All: Therefore it was called Babel, because the Lord confused the language of all the earth and scattered them abroad all over the face of the earth.

One: Again this morning, we stand in the shadow of a tower with its spire in the heavens.

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

* HYMN 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer.

We know we do not always live as we ought:

**We turn away from You, from our neighbor,
and from our true selves.**

We know we dim Your light within us,

With our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control

We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us,

**and that again and again you call us back to You,
back to love, back to grace, back to your light.**

Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: in Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven. We are not left to our own devices, but guided by a gentle and gracious Spirit.

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

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9 (pg 138)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17 (pg 968)

ANTHEM

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Johnson and Fettke

SERMON

“The Other Serpent”

Stacey Steck

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “There Is A Green Hill Far Away”

Langston

* Doxology:

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer

* HYMN 634

“To God Be the Glory”

* 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

“Lamb Of God, Most Holy”

Pachelbel

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning’s service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
and holdfasttowhatisgood.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 – Debbie Edwards

Next Sunday – Phares Sechler

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: Beth Bates, Lydia Richmond

Shushers: Corrie & Cindy Connolly

Next Sunday – Babies: Ben/Mariah Watts, Karen Townsend

Shushers: Carly Moore, Dana Milam

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first week in March, we are at 28% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner Rebecca Morrison
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal Carol King OC Shoaf Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery) Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery) Jerri Seaboch

- Bradley McKnight's father, David, recovering from gall bladder surgery at Rowan Regional Medical Center.
- 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 12 - Emma Guy
17 - Alice Sloop

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.

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:

- 9:30am – A delicious Biscuit Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am – 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."
- 11:00am – 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	8:30am	Stated Session
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
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
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	9:00am	Presbyterian Women Meeting