

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. Duncan

CHORAL INTROIT “I Bind Unto Myself Today” attr. St Patrick

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

All: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

All: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

One: In this season of reflection and repentance,

All: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us worship God indeed!

*HYMN #618

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

One: Friends, let us confess our failures, and renounce our sins.

All: Please hear us, loving God, when we cry to you, be gracious to us and answer our prayer.

(Silence is kept.)

One: Holy God, if we have slid away from new opportunities, or failed to give our best effort to long familiar duties, forgive us and restore us, O merciful Friend.

All: Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?

One: If we have become weary, and slipped into mirroring the prejudices and dissatisfactions of a greedy and unjust world, forgive us and heal us, O merciful Friend.

All: Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?

One: If we have performed well in public, smoothly keeping up appearances, while our personal faith has grown shabby and weak, forgive us and rehabilitate us, O merciful Friend.

All: Christ Jesus is our light and salvation, of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Wait for the Lord. Be strong and allow your heart to take courage.

All: Our souls wait on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: our God is not impatient and tight fisted like we are, but generous to all creatures. Let us praise God that our sins are forgiven, and that the future has again become an open door.

All: Thanks be to the God of grace and glory, through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON Psalm 27

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Duncan

SERMON "Bully and Bullied Alike" Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory "Beautiful Savior" arr. Duncan

* Doxology Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

*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 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" arr. Duncan

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from re-worship.blogspot.com
and 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** – Melissa Kluttz
Next Sunday – Bill Hall

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 – Candace McKnight, Lydia Richmond

Next Sunday – Ben Watts, Michelle Patterson

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first two weeks in March, we reached 48% 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 leukemia
- Johnny Moore, being treated for a recurrence of cancer
- Georgia McCorkle recovering from surgery
- 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 17 Alice Sloop

March 21 Hunter Ingram

March 23 Missy Hager, Clayton McKnight

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

IMPLEMENT LENT AT OUR LENTEN SUPPERS: Join us at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent, continuing March 20, 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Volunteer drivers are needed the first and third Wednesdays of each month to deliver meals to our homebound neighbors. Please contact John Sloan at 704-633-3870 for more information or to offer yourself for this important community ministry.

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 might 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:

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| Today | 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 |
| Monday | 8:15am | Preschool |
| | 6:30pm | Boy & Cub Scouts |
| Tuesday | 8:15am | Preschool |
| | 6:30pm | Tutoring |
| Wednesday | 8:15am | Preschool |
| | 11:00am | Meals on Wheels |
| | 6:00pm | Lenten Meal & Study |
| | 7:00pm | Health Cabinet Meeting |
| Thursday | 8:15am | Preschool |
| | 10:00am | Smart Start |
| | 11:00am | Meals on Wheels |
| | 6:30pm | Tutoring |
| Friday | 8:15am | Preschool |
| | 11:00am | Meals on Wheels |
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Norma Lauder
Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

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Doug Patterson
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Brian Waller

Class of 2021

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Ed Hall
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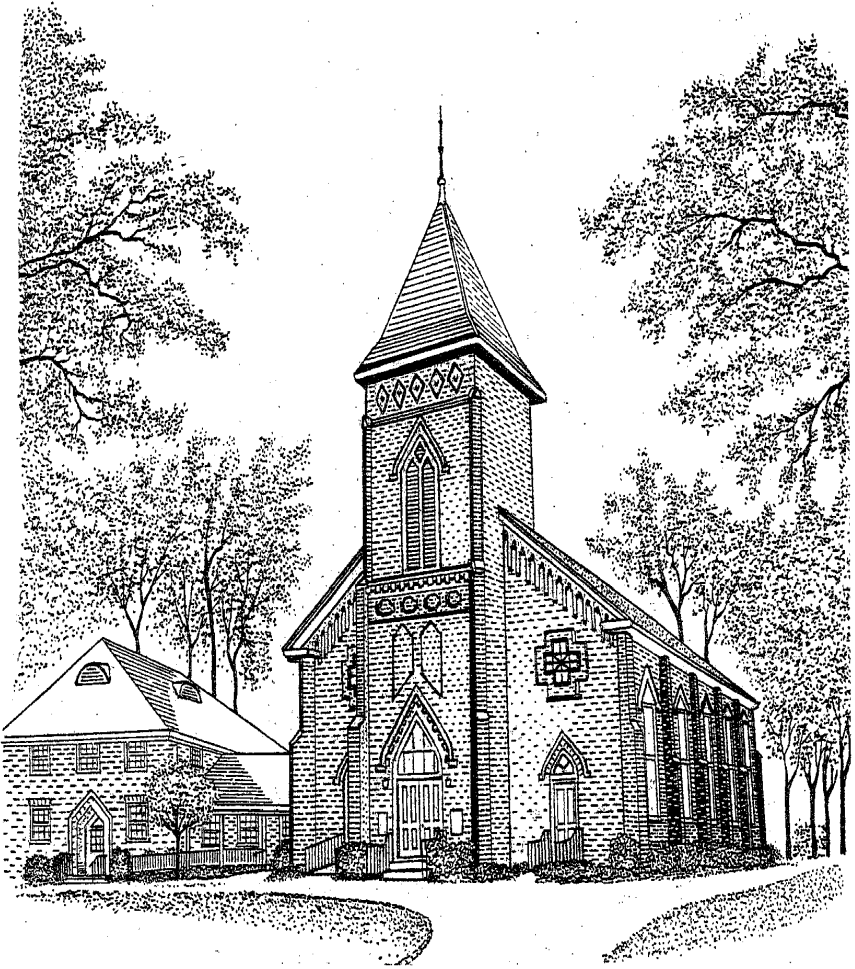
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WELCOME

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