

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

### CALL TO REVERENCE

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let God's people say:

**All: *His steadfast love endures forever.***

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**All: *This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.***

One: We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

**All: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.***

One: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

One: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**All: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.***

One: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**All: *You are our God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God, we will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.***

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#### \* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

***Steadfast God, when things go well for us, we can easily song loud hosannas, but the words turn to ashes in mouths full of anger and bitterness. We hide behind our palm branches, hoping you will not see the doubts we have about what you call us to do. We eagerly feast on your blessings, but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those around us. Forgive us, Approaching God. Now, more than ever, forgive us. May we be as eager to lay down our fears and doubts, our sins and pride, as we are to lay down our branches for you. May we praise you for your victory over death, as well as for the promise of resurrection to new life, the promise given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.***

#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope. Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance. Walking to Calvary, he leads us to new life. All this was for us - so we could bend our knees before God in humility and praise, saying, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

**All: *Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.***

#### \* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Janet Lambert

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Hosanna!"

SERMON "Yah, Mule!" Stacey Steck

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

## OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "The Palms" Faure

\* 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 #443 "There Is a Redeemer"

## \* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" #750

***Goodness is stronger than evil***

***Love is stronger than hate.***

***Light is stronger than darkness;***

***Life is stronger than death.***

***Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.***

***Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.***

\* POSTLUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Davis

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://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 contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

**GRATITUDE GRAMS IN THE PEWS:** If you would like to give thanks for someone or something, please grab a Gratitude Gram from the pew, fill it out and place it in the Offering plate as it goes by. We'll pass it along or publish it in the e-newsletter.

**USHERS:** March Team – Ben Watts (Captain), Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Jada Ware-Guy; Upcoming April Team – Eddie Bell (Captain), Ryan Sloop, Jeremy Deal, Mike Hawkins, Steven Wetmore

**LITURGIST:** Today – Millicent Hoffner 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 – Ashley Wilkie, Melissa Kluttz

Next Sunday – Carly Moore, Ben Watts

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (2's & 3's and Preschool):**

Today – Aaron Richmond

Next Sunday – Klancy Deal

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** Through the first three weeks in March we have reached 69% of our monthly goal. Thanks for your generosity.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<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

- Susan Beard, at Duke University Hospital
- The family of Thelma Walton who passed away March 17
- O.C. Shoaf is in the hospital
- Fred & Edna Stamper
- James Myers' sister Pauline is in the hospital
- Elaine Hemmings, sister of Brenda Ward
- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Tom Turner, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- The family of Tristen Hobbs, who passed away
- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- Bob Freeman, recovering from a fall
- Tom Wilson, nephew of Brenda Ward, suffering from blood clots
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues, and the unexpected loss of her cousin
- Carol King, receiving cancer treatment
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis, being treated for cancer
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Tanzania, Africa

**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN:** If you, a family member, or friend 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 e-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 is, 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

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 25 - Katie Hoffner  
26 - John R. Steele  
29 - Elliott White  
31 - Kresen Whitmarsh, Mike Hawkins,  
Jake Nabors

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** An Easter Egg Hunt will follow church service today. A light lunch will be provided for egg hunters and their families.

**DEACON'S MEETING:** There will be no meeting in April due to the holiday. Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** There will be a finance meeting Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** With a week remaining before Easter, generous Thyatirans have given or pledged 56% of our goal for the Looking Out/Seeing In Capital Campaign. Please make your pledge this week so that we can take advantage of the challenge one of our members has made to reach the goal by Easter. Your gift will help not only Thyatira, but the great ministry of Main Street Mission in China Grove. Pledge cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

**WILKIE'S DIAPERS AND WIPES DROP:** We will be collecting diapers (sizes N, 1, 2) and wipes for Robert & Ashley Wilkie who are expecting twins. Please put the diapers and wipes in the playpen located in the Educational Building from April 15-29. Show them our love x 2! For more information, please call Melissa Waller at 704-314-6166.

**2018-2019 PRESCHOOL REGISTRSTION:** Thyatira Presbyterian Preschool is accepting registrations for 2, 3, and 4 year olds (age as of August 31, 2018) for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes begin after Labor Day. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact the church at office@thyatirapresbyterian.org.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschoolers)
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
Monday	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:15am	Preschool
Tuesday	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	6:30pm	Tutoring
	8:15am	Preschool
Thursday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	12:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	10:00am	Prayer Walk in Sloan Park
		Youth Worship Practice
Next Sunday	7:00am	Sunrise Service led by Thyatira's Youth
	8:00am	Breakfast hosted by Men of the Church
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship Celebration of the Resurrection