

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 26, 2017

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS TO GATHER BY

Acts 11:19-25

OPENING HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Acts 2:43-47

One: As the church gathered in the first century, awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All: All who believed were together and had all things in common, selling their possessions and goods and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

One: Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

All: And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

One: In these days of the early twenty-first century, the church still gathers in awe and wonder at what God is doing in its midst.

All: This day, as we gather in the temple, and break bread together, let us too praise God and have the goodwill of everyone.

One: As the Spirit led the church from the beginning,

All: Let the Spirit guide us into the future.

* HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we read the story of the Acts of the Apostles, give thanks for our ancestors in the faith, and imagine ourselves like them. But we also fail to see ourselves in those who crucified Jesus, persecuted the church, and erected roadblocks to the spread of the Gospel. We confess that we do not always follow Jesus' teaching, heed the Spirit's leading, or imitate the Apostles' preaching. Have mercy on us when our faith is weak, our hearts are stone cold, and our ears are stopped up tightly. Help us open ourselves to the awe and wonder you set before us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Based on Acts 10:34

One: Hear the Good News: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

All: Thanks be to God!

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* SONG

"The Motions"

West

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Selections from the Acts of the Apostles

ANTHEM

"At the Cross"

Tomlin

SERMON "The Acts of the Thyatirans"

Stacey Steck
Juanita Turner
Paul Rogers
Melissa Raymer
Charles Newsome

* SONG "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

OUR OFFERING

Offertory:

* Doxology:

***Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son.
(Repeat)***

***And now, let the weak say,
"We are strong"
Let the poor say "We are rich
because of what the Lord has
done for us."
(Repeat)
Give Thanks.***

* Prayer

* HYMN 687 "Our God Our Help in Ages Past"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Shine On Us" Phillips

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

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 – Leigh Anne Wetmore
Next Sunday – Flora Calderón-Steck

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: Ashley Wilkie, Karen Townsend
Shushers: Flora Calderón-Steck, Abby Covington

Next Sunday – Babies: Karen Townsend, Melissa Waller
Shushers: Jada Ware-Guy, Selena Bell

WE WELCOME: Sabrina Roberts and friends Barry Carroll, Jerry Johnson, and John Fraser to lead us musically this morning.

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first three weeks in March, we are at 58.8% of our monthly goal. Can we make it this month?

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

- Amanda, sister of Rebecca Ray, recovering from surgery at ICU in Dubai
- Bo Deal, awaiting surgery
- Robert Kalmus, family member to Carolyn Wilson, is in Carolinas Medical Center with serious infection and back surgery
- 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
- Todd Bare, nephew of Kitty & Tony Harris, who is recovering from cancer surgery at Duke University 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 26 - John R Steele
29 - Elliott White
31 - Kresen Whitmarsh
31 - Mike Hawkins

LENT: On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will 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.

GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE: Rowan Helping Ministries is hosting the 2017 Golf Tournament, In Memory of Ted Luther. Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 am at Corbin Hills Golf Club, 431 Wildwood Drive, Salisbury. \$50 fee per player includes lunch. Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board or talk to Paul Rogers at 704-213-1986 or 704-633-3454.

FOND FAREWELL: On Sunday, April 23 following worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall to offer a Fond Farewell to our Choir Director Jon McCachren, as he retires after faithfully serving Thyatira.

BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY TRIP: Tuesday, April 11, The Millbridge Fellowship will meet and leave from the church at 8:30am. Please sign-up by Sunday, April 2 if you are interested in attending the trip. We will be scheduling a van if there is enough participation. Contact Juanita Turner at 704-433-1317 or jfturner29@hotmail.com if you need further information.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	Biscuit Breakfast
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School
	10:00am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Celebrating Our Living Legacy in Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Worship in Fellowship Hall
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Lenten Supper & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	5:30pm	Preschool Board
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
Next Sunday	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Communion/Worship