

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Te Deum Prelude” arr. Charpentier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

All: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

One: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

All: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

One: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

All: and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us worship God indeed!

*HYMN #361 “O Christ, the Great Foundation”

*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: It was said of the Prodigal Son that he “came to himself.”

All: Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to you.

One: Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect

All: so that we might be more fully human.

One: Help us not to chase after an imaginary life,

All: and to find satisfaction in our real lives.

One: And turn us away from our self-rejection

All: so that we might see that Your arms open in welcome.

One: Have mercy on us, O steadfast one,

All: and strengthen us through these final weeks of Lent, helping us to find our need for you and your grace for us.

We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In every moment, God seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness.

All: We will bless God in every moment, rejoicing with the One who fills us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Lowry

SERMON

“And They Began to Celebrate”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #22

“God of the Sparrow”

*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

“Postlude in D minor”

Stanford

*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

Upcoming April Team – Nike Hawkins (captain), Bill Bergstrom, Jeremy Deal, Steven Wetmore, A.J. Waller

LITURGIST: **Today** – Leigh Anne Wetmore

Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards

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 – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: With one more Sunday in March, we reached 89% 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
- 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

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 31 Kresen Whitmarsh, Mike Hawkins, Jake Nabors
April 5 Albert Gaylor, O.C. Shoaf
April 6 Brandon Hoffner

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

IMPLEMENT LENT AT OUR LENTEN SUPPERS: Join us at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent, continuing April 3, 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.

THYATIRA SCHOLARSHIPS: Church members who are interested in applying for a college scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year should complete and return an application to the church office by Monday, April 15. Forms are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary or can be emailed by contacting the church office.

CPR CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION: A CPR instructor will be holding a CPR class on Saturday, April 13 from 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$40 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or call/email the church office.

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 may be interested, they may contact the church office or go the church website for the registration form.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	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
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
Next Sunday	9:00am	Deacon's Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	4:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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David Hall
Norma Lauder
Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

Robin Luther
Doug Patterson
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Brian Waller

Class of 2021

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Ed Hall
Glenn McCorkle

Elder Emeriti. Jim Albright, Charles Newsome

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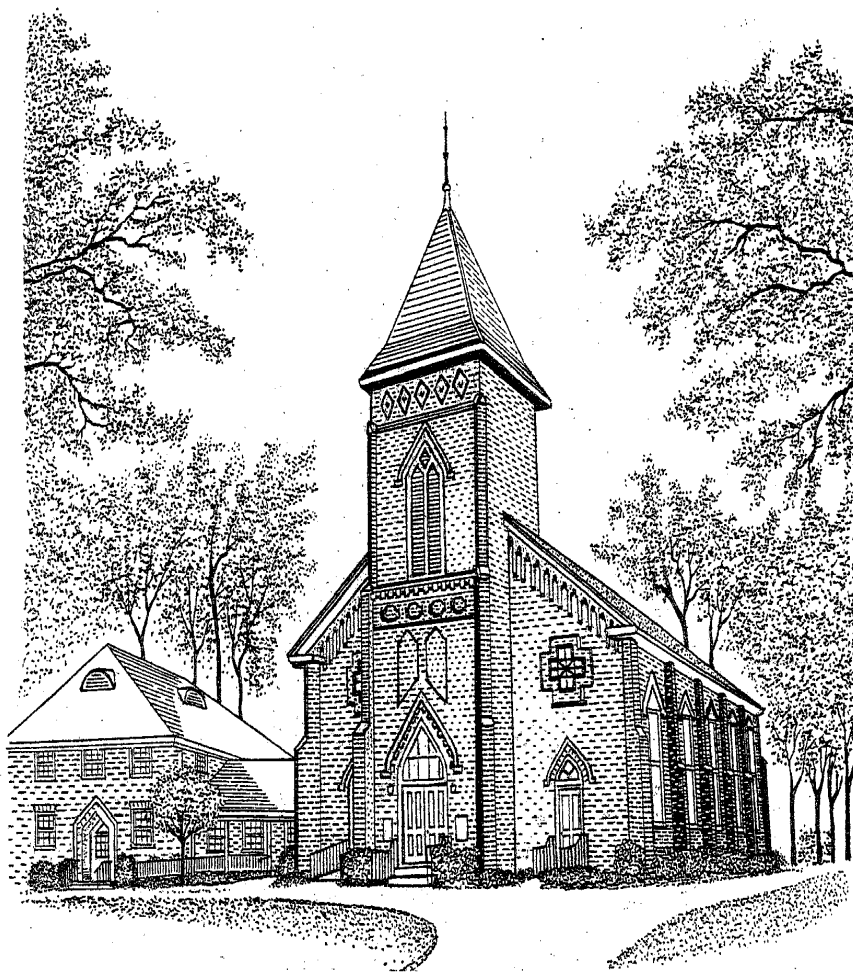
CONTACT PERSONS

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WELCOME

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