

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## EASTER

April 1, 2018

PRELUDE TO THE RESURRECTION

“Sunday’s Coming”

\* EASTER GREETING

One: Sunday is here! Our kyries are over!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Sunday is here! God has taken mercy on us!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Sunday is here! The tomb is empty!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Sunday is here! Jesus is risen!

**All: His is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\* OPENING HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Scots Confession

One: Hear the Good News of the Gospel: The story is true. God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Let us rejoice with our ancestors in faith who expressed it this way:

**All: We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus, crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death and its bondage. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose tombs did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels, and by the senses and judgment of his apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection.**

One: We confirm that resurrection again this day.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Janet Lambert

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Resurrection Jubilee”

Jones

SERMON

““Roll Back My Stone, Lord!”

Stacey Steck

HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The God of every morning be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.**

One: People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

**All: We sing our Alleluias to the God of everlasting love.**

One: Let us pray...

Therefore, we join our voices this morning with those who stood at the empty tomb, as well as those of every time and place, singing our Easter joy to you:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of the empty grave. Glad songs of resurrection joy we offer to you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes bearing your steadfast love. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: (Continuing)...Even as we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

**All: On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful; on the first day of the week, Christ swallowed up death forever; on the last day, Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb.**

**One:** (Continuing)...And when the morning comes when we are united with all the saints gathered around heaven's Table, we will lift our voices to you, Holy God, and say together the prayer Jesus taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

## OUR OFFERING

Offertory: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Fillmore

\* 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 #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

\* 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

"Thine Be The Glory"

Hayes

\*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:** April Team – Eddie Bell (Captain), Ryan Sloop, Jeremy Deal, Mike Hawkins, Steven Wetmore

**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 – Carly Moore, Ben Watts  
Next Sunday – Michelle Patterson, Robin Luther

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

Today – Klancy Deal  
Next Sunday – Selena Bell

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** For the month of March we have reached 83% of our monthly goal. Thanks for your generosity.

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### **Sanctuary Flowers Order Form**

Flowers on our communion table are a way we bring some of the beauty of nature into our place of worship. Flowers are also a way to recognize and honor special people or occasions. If you would like to purchase alter flowers to honor someone or commemorate a special event, the cost is \$57.25 for one center vase or 2 side vases for \$100. Fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Payment should be made 2 weeks in advance of the requested date, payable to Thyatira. For available dates, you may call the church office at 704-636-1595 or check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

Requested date for flowers: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested colors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ One vase \$57.25 OR \_\_\_\_ Two vases \$100

\_\_\_\_ I plan to take my flowers after service

\_\_\_\_ I plan to leave the flowers



# 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
- The family of Thelma Walton who passed away March 17
- O.C. Shoaf
- 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
- 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:**

April 5 - Albert Gaylor  
O.C. Shoaf

6 - Brandon Hoffner

**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.

**SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING:** There will be a Safety & Security Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** We are SOOOOOOO close! With our Challenge Deadline looming TODAY, we have received gifts or pledges for 72% of our goal for the Looking Out/Seeing In Capital Campaign. Please make your pledge today 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 which will receive a \$4,000 gift in Thyatira's name. 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](mailto:office@thyatirapresbyterian.org).

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	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
Wednesday	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study
	7:00pm	Safety & Security Meeting
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	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
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
6:30pm	Adult Choir	

# *Easter Lilies*

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter lilies in honor of or in memory of loved ones. You helped beautify the church on this glorious day. Thank you for supporting the Youth Mission. Please take your plant(s) with you after worship today.

## **Given by:**

Beth Bates

Mike, Corrie, Cindy & Matthew  
Connolly

The Edwards

Bill & Sylvia Goodnight

The Graham Family

Jim & Ruth Albright

Paul & Linda Rogers

Keith & Karen Townsend

Keith Vaughan

## **Given by:**

Beth Bates

Mike, Corrie, Cindy & Matthew  
Connolly

The Edwards

Emory & Susan Graham

## **In Memory of:**

David Bates, Mr. & Mrs. Bennett  
Silliman, Bennie Silliman,  
Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Kennerly

Jean Silliman

Murray & Peggy McConnell,  
Erwood Edwards

Bill & Bonnie Goodnight

E.K. Graham, Jr.

Phyllis A. Jones

Tristen Hobbs

Ruth Feimster & Martha Nell  
Townsend

Patricia Barber Vaughan

## **In Honor of:**

Jay & Mandy Bates, Bryon,  
Richelle & Morgan Bates,  
Jack & Kresen Whitmarsh,  
The Hampton, Connolly, and  
Wilson Families

Cynthia Hampton

Margaret Edwards

Our Children: Jaymes & Meredith,  
Jon & Anna, Jennie & Matt

