

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018**

CALL TO RESURRECTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let bells ring out!

All: *God wakes from our slumber!*

One: Let bells ring out!

All: *God calls us from the depths of our despair!*

One: Let bells ring out!

All: *God speaks a word of life this morning!*

One: Let bells ring out!

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

One: Let bells ring out!

All: *Christ is risen!*

One: Let bells ring out!

All: *Christ is risen indeed!*

One: Let bells ring out!

All: *Let us worship God!*

* HYMN #196

“The Day of Resurrection!”

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

One: As the bell tolls, let us offer our silent confession to God.
For the ways we have fallen short of your glory this week...
For the hearts we have broken with the words we have
spoken...

For the times our fear has held us back from proclaiming
your Son's resurrection...

For the opportunities we have wasted to use the gifts you
have offered us...

For all these sins and those we have yet even to
acknowledge, we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

All: *Help us, O Lord, to repent of our ways, turn our hearts to you, and follow your risen Son wherever he may lead us. In his name we pray. Amen.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Like the sound of a bell fading to silence, so do our sins
fade away completely from God's grieving heart. Rejoice!
Christ's resurrection has made this possible. Rejoice! God
has silenced Satan, God has silenced sin, and God has
silenced shame.

All: *This is the good news we proclaim this day, and every day. Thanks be to God.*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower!”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Have No Fear"

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Paraphrase on 'Judas Maccabeus' "

Handel

* 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 #238

"Thine Is the Glory"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Be Not Afraid"

#243

*Be not afraid;
Sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid;
Sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!*

* POSTLUDE "When They Ring The Golden Bells"

Marbelle

*Those who are able, please stand.

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 – Phares Sechler
Next Sunday – Millicent Hoffner

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 – Michelle Patterson, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Jada Ware-Guy, Karen Townsend

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

Today – Selena Bell

Next Sunday – Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first week in April we have reached 26% of our monthly goal. Thanks for your generosity. It makes a difference!

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 Susan Beard

- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- Neil, in ICU
- Jeanie Walton Jacobs, continued health issues and the passing of her mother
- 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
- 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
- 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 10 - Brandon White
12 - Clint Erwin
13 - Jessica Swanson
14 - Crystal Hobbs

THYATIRA SCHOLARSHIPS:

Church members who are interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year should complete and return an application to the church office by May 7, 2018. Forms are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

We came very close to reaching our Looking Out/Seeing In Capital Campaign Challenge goal by April 1, receiving 79% of the amount needed to pay for important restoration and upgrade projects. Though the challenge deadline has passed, the campaign continues until we reach our goal. Thanks to all who have given or pledged. Please prayerfully consider helping us with that last 21%. Additional pledge cards are available at the back of the church or by calling the church office.

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	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
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:00am	Christian Education 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
	6:30pm	Adult Choir