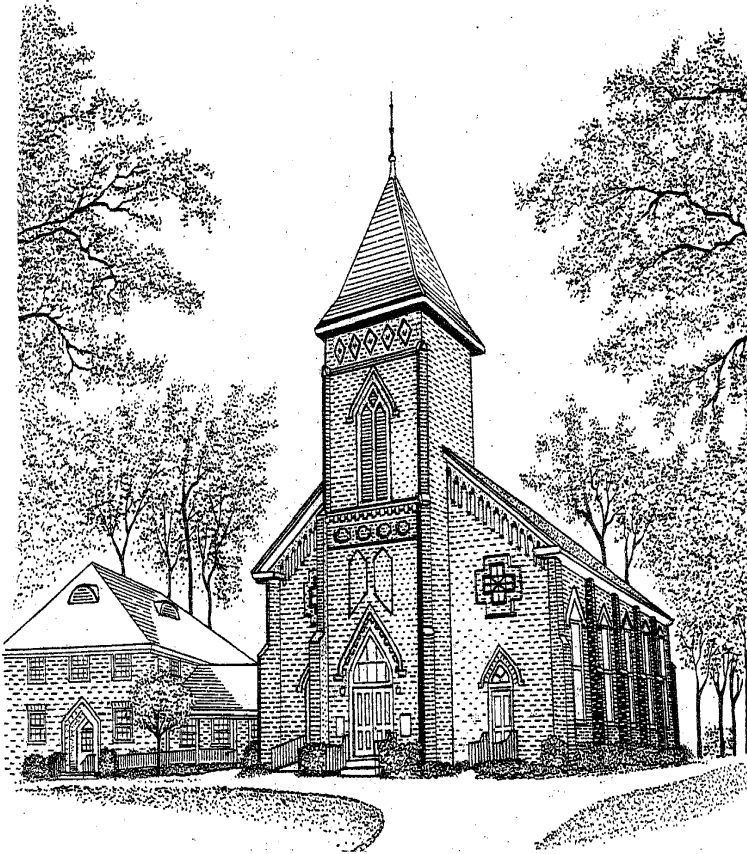


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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“In Heaven Above”

Cassler

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 6:1-8

One: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple...And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

God still calls us today.

All: And we still respond, “Here we are, Lord!”

One: Let us worship God!

All: Here we are, Lord!

* OPENING SONG

“I See the Lord”

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

* HYMN #234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most Holy God, we must confess how human we are. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, but neither have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hymn #447
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST
A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #330 “Our Help Is In the Name of God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON Acts 3:11-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-48

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem” Hymn #159

SERMON “Jesus is Sensational!” Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Come, Thou Almighty King” Willan

* 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 #369 “Blessing and Honor”

* 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 “All Hail King Jesus” Moody

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in this service from 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 – Millicent Hoffner
Next Sunday – Janet Lambert

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 – Jada Ware-Guy, Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Melissa Waller, Beth Bates

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

Today – Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Robin Luther

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first two weeks in April we have reached 38% 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

- Drew Davis and his family following the death of Sharry Davis
- Darlene McCorkle, recovering from surgery
- Tanner Helms, recovering from surgery
- Randy Stamper, recovering from surgery
- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS:

April 15 - Nick King
16 - Mary McCachren
17 - Andrea Raymond
18 - Ron Mercer
20 - Dana Milam
21 - Jewell Shoaf, Cynthia Hampton

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please plan to stay following worship on Sunday, April 22 for a brief Congregational Meeting to elect an Elder to fill a term in the Class of 2018.

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.

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. 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	Called Session Meeting
	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
Monday	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:15am	Preschool
Tuesday	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	6:30pm	Tutoring
	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	7:30pm	Steering Committee Meeting
	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	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

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Organist Ron Mercer

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Moderator The Rev. Stacey Steck
Clerk of Session. Janet Lambert

Class of 2018

Janet Lambert
Sandra Swanson
Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

David Hall
Norma Lauder
Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

Robin Luther
Doug Patterson
Phares Sechler
Brian Waller

Elder Emeriti. Jim Albright

THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. Paul Gaylor

Class of 2018

Eddie Bell
Mike Connolly
Ted Fuller
Paul Gaylor
Ryan Sloop

Class of 2019

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Steven Wetmore

Class of 2020

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