

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Now is the time to sing the good news of God:

**All: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.**

One: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

**All: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

One: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**All: We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who loves us! We will worship God!**

## \* HYMN #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

## \*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (*silently and personally, and then in unison*)

**Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we sing fewer Alleluias, but listen again to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander again the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, God of unlimited surprises, you know there is more to the lives we are leading, and you invite us to follow. You help us to prioritize our needs so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You forgive us that we might forgive others. You challenge us to entrust you with our worries, so we may live out all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. It is in his name we pray. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good news! When we were baptized into Christ's death, we were raised with him into new life!

**All: Thanks be to God, we are a new creation. Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Chloe Patterson, *West Rowan High School*

Nora Dellinger, *Gardner Webb University – Godbold School of Business*

Mary McCachren, *Vanderbilt University – Peabody College*

## \*HYMN #658

“God Is So Good”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Oakley

SERMON “The People With Nothing to Lose”

Stacey Steck

\*HYMN #515, vs. 1-2

“I Come With Joy”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*concl. with the Lord’s Prayer*)

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

*(The bread is eaten immediately; the cup is consumed once all are served)*

Prayer after Communion

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\* Prayer

\*HYMN #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#243, vs. 1)

“Be Not Afraid”

**Be not afraid. Sing out for joy. Christ is risen! Alleluia.**

**Be not afraid. Sing out for joy. Christ is risen! Alleluia.**

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from  
lectionaryliturges.blogspot.com and re-worship.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.

WELCOME RENEE: We welcome to Thyatira’s piano once again Renee McCachren, our accompanist this morning. Thank you for helping us worship God.

USHERS: **May Team** – Melissa Waller (captain), Aaron Richmond, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam, Randall Patterson

LITURGIST: **Today** – Melissa Kluttz

**Next Sunday** – Millicent Hoffner

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** – Jada Ware-Guy, Debbie Edwards

**Next Sunday** – Jessica Swanson, Melissa Kluttz

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of April we reached 128% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts do so much toward making us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County! You can now also give conveniently online using the GivePlus+ app.

## 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

- Robert Wilkie, recovering from an accident
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- 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, ongoing health issues
- 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

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

May 6 Tyler Belk, Leigh Lauder  
May 7 Suzi Cocca, Robin Luther, Katelyn Daniels  
May 8 Jonathan Luther, Michael Parish, Lucia Steck  
May 9 Sandy Kern  
May 10 AJ Waller

**PRAYER, SONG, AND STUDY:** Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for a look at Jesus' healing ministry. We meet in the Conference Room, sing a hymn, pray for one another, and study God's word. All are invited and welcome.

**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 the 4 year-old class (age as of 8/31/19) for the 2019-2020 school year. (2's and 3's classes have 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	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship – Grad Sunday
	4:00pm	GriefShare
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Carewear
	7:00pm	Congregational Care Meeting (Conference Room)
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Mother's Day Meal
	4:00pm	GriefShare
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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## STAFF AND OFFICERS

### STAFF

Pastor . . . . . The Rev. Stacey Steck  
Faith Community Nurse . . . . . Nora Patterson, RN, FCN  
Faith Community Health Promoter. . . . . Georgia McCorkle  
Office Manager . . . . . Sharon Gantkowski  
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Assistant Treasurer. . . . . Keith Vaughan  
Director of Music . . . . . Angela Moore  
Organist . . . . .

### THE SESSION

Moderator . . . . . The Rev. Stacey Steck  
Clerk of Session. . . . . Glenn McCorkle

#### Class of 2019

David Hall  
Norma Lauder  
Eric Rouse  
Juanita Turner

#### Class of 2020

Robin Luther  
Doug Patterson  
Phares Sechler  
Brian Waller

#### Class of 2021

Beth Bates  
Abby Covington  
Ed Hall  
Glenn McCorkle

Elder Emeriti. . . . . Jim Albright, Charles Newsome

### THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. . . . . Paul Gaylor

#### Class of 2019

Jeremy Deal  
Jada Ware-Guy  
Daniel Milam  
Aaron Richmond  
Steven Wetmore

#### Class of 2020

Mike Hawkins  
Randall Patterson  
Paul Rogers  
A.J. Waller  
Ben Watts

#### Class of 2021

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Mike Corriher  
Ted Fuller  
Paul Gaylor  
Melissa Waller

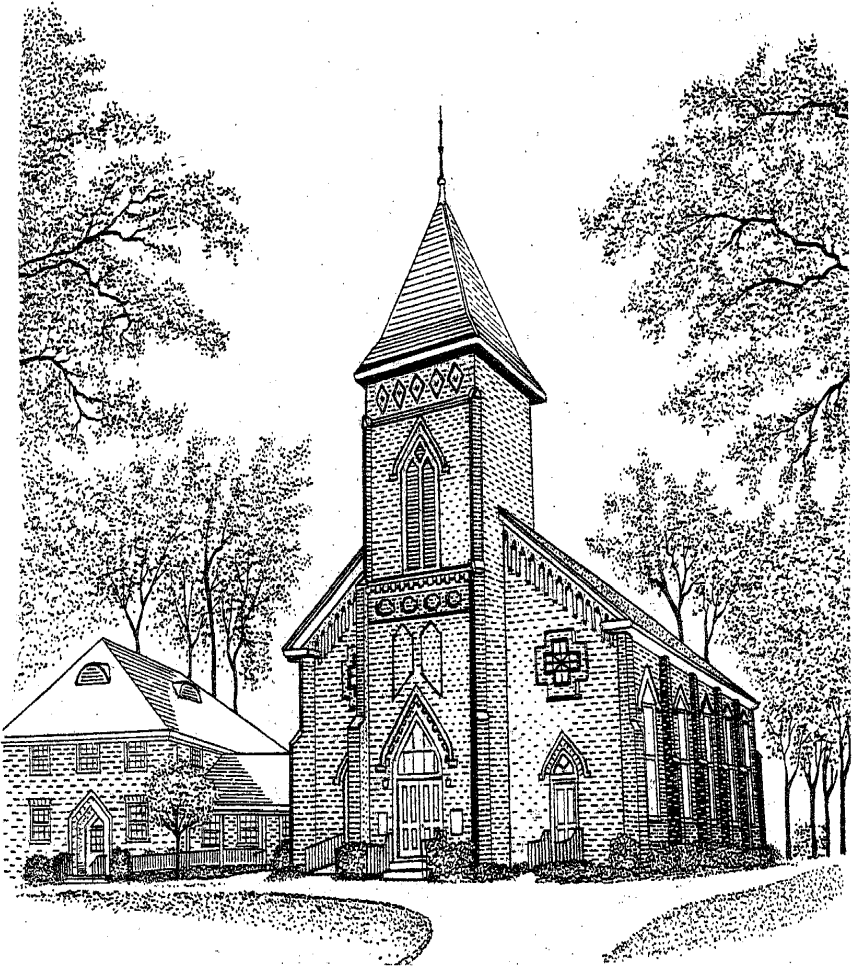
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Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
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Cub Scouts. . . . . Jon McCachren  
Girl Scouts. . . . . Jada Ware-Guy

# WELCOME

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