

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Father of us all, Mother of each one, thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.

**All: You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs, you knit us together lovingly, your devotion to us has not failed, your care has followed us our whole life long.**

One: All we are and all we have, we owe to you.

**All: And so on this, the Lord's Day, in this house devoted to your glory, we give honor to you who has blessed us with those who show us your love.**

One: We give thanks for the nurture of our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us.

**All: Those who have shown us your heart and your grace.**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: Let us worship God indeed!**

## \* HYMN #408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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

**O God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored. Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice. May the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all of our days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. In his name we pray. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

**All: Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## \*HYMN #308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thyatira's Young and Younger Disciples

SERMON

Thyatira Youth Group

\*HYMN #458

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\* Prayer

\*HYMN #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*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** – Millicent Hoffner  
**Next Sunday** – Leigh Anne Wetmore

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, Melissa Kluttz

**Next Sunday** – Jessica Swanson, Robin Luther

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first week of May we reached 24% 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 16 Linda McCorkle

May 17 Logan Stamper

May 18 McGuire Moore, Amanda Rowland, Dewey Shaver

**STAY FOR LUNCH!** Following worship this morning, our Youth Group will be preparing and serving us a great meal in Fellowship Hall. There's plenty for everyone.

**PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER GATHERING:** Join us Sunday, May 19 following worship for lunch and an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a formal member of Thyatira. Please let us know if you are coming by calling the church office at 704-636-1595 by this Thursday.

**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
	12:00pm	Mother's Day Meal
	4:00pm	GriefShare
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	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	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Prospective New Members Gathering
	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  
Treasurer. . . . . Doug Patterson  
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

Bill Bergstrom  
Mike Corriher  
Ted Fuller  
Paul Gaylor  
Melissa Waller

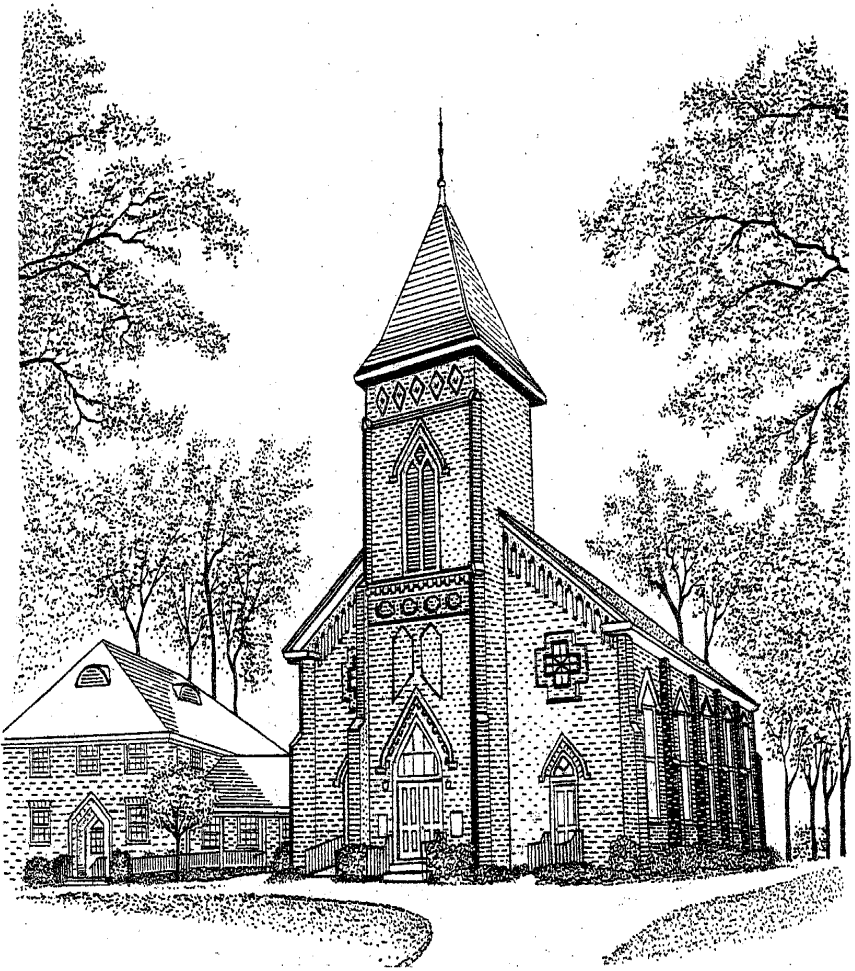
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Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
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Cub Scouts. . . . . Jon McCachren  
Girl Scouts. . . . . Jada Ware-Guy

# WELCOME

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