

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 13, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “The Gift of Love”

Hopson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Jeremiah 1

One: Before you formed us in the womb, you knew us.

**All: Before we were born, you consecrated us.**

One: Truly, Lord, we do not know how to speak to you, or about you.

**All: But we come this day remembering your words, “You shall go to all to whom I send you.”**

One: We come this day with no fear in our hearts, because you have loved us since the beginning.

**All: You have always delivered us, and we praise you.**

One: You have put your words in our mouths.

**All: And we shall tell of your grace and glory.**

One: Worship the Lord, who is the God of Israel, the God of Thyatira, and the God of each one of us.

**All: We and our families will worship the Lord!**

\*OPENING SONG “Great Is the Lord”

#614

\*LITANY IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR MOTHERS (*see insert*)

\*HYMN #15, vs. 1-3, 6

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

\*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**God of steadfast love, we confess that our love is short-sighted. We love our families and friends, we love those close around us, we show partiality to those in positions of power over us, and we ignore those who seem irrelevant. We are selfish with our love, loving those who will love us, who will help us. Forgive us for not loving the way You did, by laying down Your life for the lost and the least, the poor and the broken. Forgive us for being short-sighted, and not seeing our brothers and sisters in the world. Call us back into the ways of Your love, away from the ways of the world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the very Love of God, we pray. Amen.**

\*SUNG 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 #693

“Though I May Speak”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Thyatira's Young Disciples

SERMON "More Gifts for Mom"

Thyatira's Youth

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Give Thanks"

Wagner

\* 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 #488

"I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry"

\*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 "Thee, O God, We Praise"

Wagner

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are from rev-o-lution.com and fatpastor.me.

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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: May Team – Aaron Richmond, Captain, Randall Patterson, Mike Connolly, Paul Gaylor, and Daniel Milam

LITURGIST: **Today** – Bill Hall; **Next Sunday** – Melissa Kluttz

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** – Alice Sloop, Beth Bates

**Next Sunday** – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

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

**Today** – Linda Rogers and Karen Townsend

**Next Sunday** – Melissa Kluttz and Janet Lambert

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

C/O George Calhoun: Mary Alice Calhoun

White Oak Manor, Charlotte: Ruby Erwin

At Home: JoAnn Kerr  
Nell Fuller

- The family of Ronney Steele, who passed away last Sunday
- The family of Susan Beard, who passed away recently
- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- Jeanie Walton Jacobs and her daughter Yevette, healing from automobile accident, continued health issues, and the passing of her mother
- Carol King
- 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
- 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
- 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

**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 AND CALENDAR

<b><u>BIRTHDAYS:</u></b>	May 16	Linda McCorkle
	May 17	Logan Stamper
	May 18	McGuire Moore Amanda Rowland Dewey Shaver
	May 19	Bill Bergstrom

**KLANCY DEAL BABY SHOWER:** All women of the church are invited to attend a baby shower for Klancy Deal and her bundle of joy on Sunday, June 3 from 3:00-5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Target and Amazon.

**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	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
	12:00pm	Mother's Day Meal
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	VBS Planning Meeting
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		Youth Camping Trip
Saturday	9:00am	Presbyterian Women Meeting
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

# THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 . . . . . Ron Mercer

### THE SESSION

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

#### Class of 2018

Beth Bates  
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

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

#### Class of 2020

Mike Hawkins  
Randall Patterson  
Paul Rogers  
AJ Waller  
Ben Watts

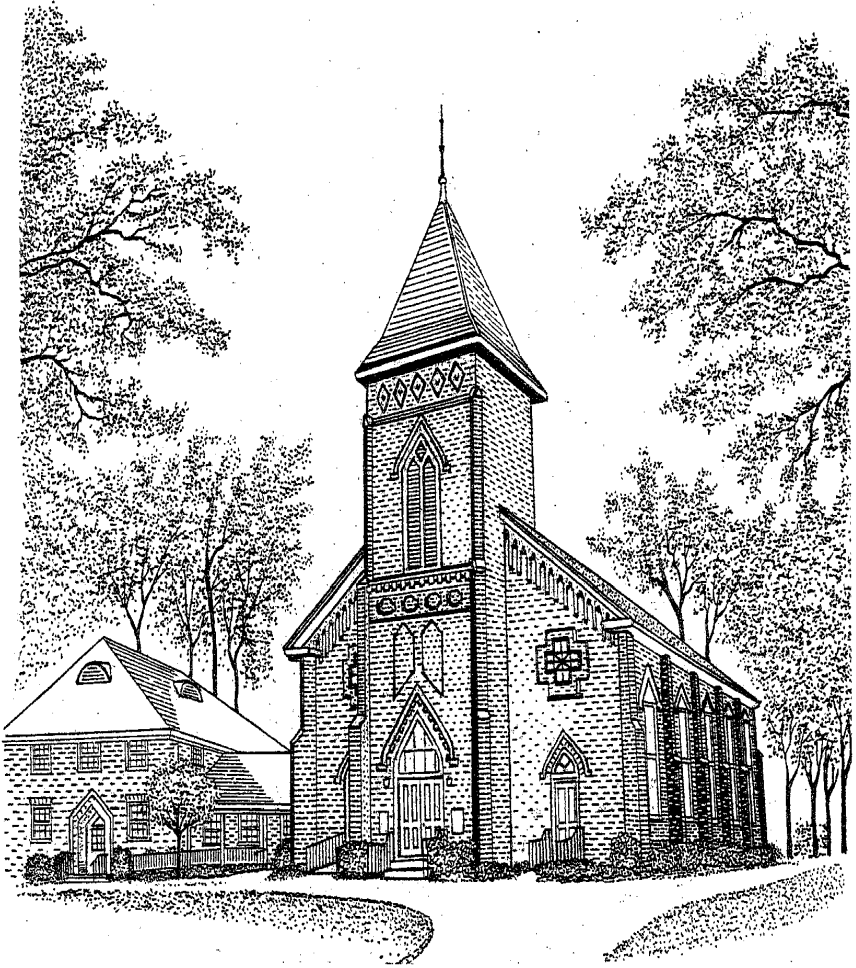
### CONTACT PERSONS

Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
Church School Superintendent . . . . . Jimmy Hoffner  
Men of the Church President. . . . . John Steele  
Presbyterian Women Moderator. . . . . Jada Ware-Guy  
Boy Scouts. . . . . Greg Hager  
Cub Scouts. . . . . Jon McCachren  
Girl Scouts. . . . . Lydia Richmond

# WELCOME

## THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MILL BRIDGE

*The Good News Capital  
of Western Rowan County*



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A Living Legacy of Love, Faith, Service,  
and Patient Endurance

## LITANY IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR MOTHERS

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**All: We pray for peace.**

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**All: We pray for healing.**

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**All: We pray for those who mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

**All: We weep with those with broken hearts.**

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

**All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

**All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**All: We pray for wisdom and patience.**

One: For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

**All: We pray that caregivers have people who care for them.**

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for the adoptive process to be fulfilled.

**All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

One: For those women in our congregation soon to give birth,

**All: We await your good news!**

One: For women who do not have children, but nonetheless teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

## Sanctuary Flowers Order Form

Flowers on our communion table brings 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 signup 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

