

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Even this morning, God is calling us into new and sometimes uncomfortable places.

All: Once there, like today, we find hospitality and friends.

One: Christ has brought the love of God and given us his peace.

All: The Holy Spirit is giving us the strength to go forth and do our work.

One: The Son has laid out our tasks and given us legs to walk again.

All: May we drink from the waters of your river of life today. Let us worship our Lord.

* HYMN #666

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

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

Gracious God, we too often forget that in you we have our life and being. We too easily ignore the fact that you also created our brothers and sisters who seem so different from us. We too casually say that we love you but do not keep your word. We too hurriedly rush by those in need with not even a thought that they could be our friends. Lord, forgive us, and help us focus back on you. And in focusing on you, help us heal the world around that we have been neglecting. Help us learn to walk your way, along the path Jesus has shown us. In his name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: the Holy Spirit is with you, surrounding you, strengthening you, and pushing you on. You are always being offered new life. Today we can rejoice, that in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Let us live into the fullness of life that comes with that assurance. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #686

“God of Our Life”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:6-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 5:1-9

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

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SERMON “The Mystery Man of Macedonia”

Stacey Steck

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all. Amen.

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#243, vs. 1)

"Be Not Afraid"

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

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*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from
lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and ruachwords.org

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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

Upcoming June Team – Jada Ware-Guy (captain), Ben Watts, Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Mike Corriher

LITURGIST: **Today** – Debbie Edwards

Next Sunday – Bill Hall

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 – Beth Bates, Janet Lambert

Next Sunday – Carly Moore, Flora Calderón-Steck

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first three weeks of May we reached 73% 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

- Kaye Hawkins, recovering from pneumonia
- Barbara Karkiker, 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
- Midwest communities affected by tornados
- 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 26 Madison Reber
May 29 Starr Davis
May 30 Ruth Albright, Carson Ingram

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!: Save the dates of July 12-14 for Thyatira's 2019 Vacation Bible School. Beginning on Friday afternoon, we'll learn about loving our neighbors. Continuing Saturday, the whole church is invited to an evening cookout in our new Picnic Shelter. Then, we'll wind up Sunday morning sharing in worship the songs and lessons we've learned. Join us!

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
 4:00pm GriefShare
 6:30pm Adult Choir

Monday Memorial Day – Office Closed

Wednesday 11:00am Meals on Wheels
 7:00pm Prayer, Song & Study

Thursday 10:00am Smart Start
 11:00am Meals on Wheels

Friday 11:00am Meals on Wheels

Next Sunday 9:00am Deacon's Meeting
 9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
 10:00am Sunday School for all ages
 11:00am Worship
 4:00pm GriefShare
 6:30pm Adult Choir

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Organist

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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

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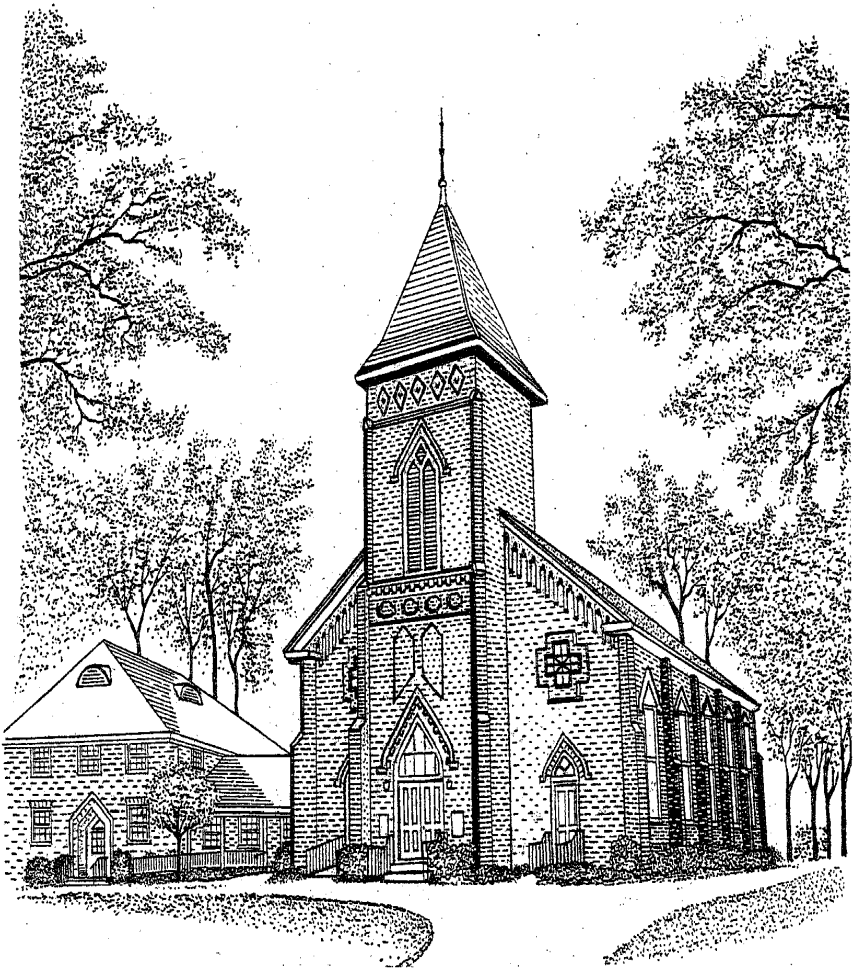
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WELCOME

THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MILL BRIDGE

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