

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Blessed Quietness" Kendall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING SONG "Awesome God" #616

***Our God is an awesome God  
Who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love;  
Our God is an awesome God!  
(x3)***

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's mystery runs deep.

**All: *God's mercy runs wide.***

One: Christ's compassion knows no bounds

**All: *Christ's call is to all.***

One: The Spirit gives to each one a gift.

**All: *The Spirit guides us in using those gifts.***

One: In the name of the Triune God, let us join together.

**All: *In the name of the God of grace, let us worship the Lord!***

\* HYMN #403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Unison Prayer of Confession

One: Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

**All: *For God already knows what lies in our hearts.***

One: Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

**All: *For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.***

One: Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

**All: *Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.***

One: Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

**All: *Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.***

One: And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news: While we were yet sinners, God had mercy on us through Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we are dead to sin and born anew!

**All: *Thanks be to God for the gift we have received. Amen.***

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES VBS Superheroes

\* HYMN #395 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

FIRST LESSON Genesis 24-34-67

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM "Lead Me Lord" Mueller

SERMON "The Butler Did It!" Stacey Steck

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Belhar Confession

***We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.***

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Near to the Heart of God" Smith

\* 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 #761 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

\* BENEEDICTION

Congregational Response "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***Breathe on me, Breathe of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

\* POSTLUDE "No, Not One!" with "Shout to the Lord" Page

\*Those who are able, please stand. Resources used in today's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com) and [holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://holdfasttowhatisgood.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 call the church office at 704-636-1595.

LITURGIST: Today – Bill Hall  
Next Week – Flora Calderón-Steck

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 – Lydia Richmond, TBD

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Ben Watts

GENEROSITY UPDATE: The first week of July we have reached 36% of our monthly goal.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner Rebecca Morrison
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal OC Shoaf Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery) Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery)

- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- The family of David Upright who died last week
- Ronney Steele, gaining strength at home
- Ada Jo Sloop
- Father of Michelle Patterson, Pete Adkins is undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Ashley Wilkie, recovering from automobile accident
- Maddie Patrick, 7-year-old from Port Orange, Florida has liver & bone cancer, friend of Sharon Deal
- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Millard Goodnight, undergoing cancer treatment
- Dana Milam's friend, Stacia Henry in Jamaica
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family

## JULY PRAYER FOCUS: Salem Presbytery

Let us pray for the Campus Ministry Committee of Salem Presbytery which seeks to be a creative resource and advocate for campus ministries in the Presbytery and to connect campus ministries and local congregations in order that all God's people may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ and grow in their relationships with god and one another.

Faith Point Fellowship (St. James) - Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall  
Grace Campus Ministry, WSSU- Rev. Toure' C. Marshall  
Presby UKirk - Elon University  
Salem College - Rev. Amanda Davee Lomax  
3rd Place Campus Ministry, ASU - Rev. Stephanie Hankins  
UKirk - GSO, Rev. Kate Davelaar Guthrie  
UNC School of the Arts - Rev. Khelen R. kuzmovich  
Wake Forest Campus Ministry - Rev. Glenn Otterbacher  
International Campus Ministries of the Triad, Inc. - Rev. Scott Freese

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: July 9 – Abby Covington  
10 – Mitchell Seaboch, Steven Wetmore  
11 – Keith Townsend  
13 – Becky Daniel, Kitty Harris

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: We will be having an Ice Cream Social on July 16th at 4:00 pm. This will give everyone time to go home, eat lunch, then come back to church for a wonderful ice cream sundae, cone, or just a cup. All you can eat! This should be a real good time and hope lots of folks will be able to come.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Classes are available for children nursery to 5th grade (rising 6th graders). A light supper will be served at 5:45 pm then the program begins each Wednesday in July at 6:30 pm. The evening ends at 8:00 pm. Pastor Stacey will also lead a class every week for adults.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in a nursery rotation. We need a minimum of 2 people per week. We like for our children to experience worship as much as possible, and due to limited space, volunteers should expect to supervise children under 3 years old. Arrive in the nursery at 10:45 am on Sunday to relieve the Sunday School teachers and to allow for drop off before church starts at 11 am. Contact Abby Covington to sign-up or for more information.

HAPPY PLACE VOLUNTEER: We have the need for volunteers to host Happy Place. This is a fun time in the morning and a good place to meet the new members and old members. You don't have to do much, just bring something sweet (store bought is fine), some kind of fruit, juice, and make coffee. Please help us out. Contact Juanita Turner for more details.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Worship on the Patio
	9:30am	The Happy Place Children's Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	5:45pm	Vacation Bible School
Next Sunday	8:30am	Worship on the Patio
	9:30am	The Happy Place Children's Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Adult Choir
	4:00pm	Ice Cream Social