

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We hear the voice of God calling us, saying,

**All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

One: We feel the Spirit moving among us,

**All: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**

One: We know the love of Jesus.

**All: We love because Christ first loved us.**

One: Come, worship God together.

**All: Come, let us serve our God who calls us by name.**

## \*HYMN #410

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper"

## \*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

**Gracious God, in the mirror we call scripture, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our own failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs. Forgive us, Reconciling God. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

**All: When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past!**

One: Do you really believe this - that your past is done, and you are a new person? If so, go out and reflect it in your life.

**All: Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people. Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## \*HYMN #612

"We Praise You, O God"

FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Be Strong In the Lord”

Fettke

SERMON “Firstborn of the Heart”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\* Prayer

\*HYMN #357

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response, #288

“Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from  
[lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com) and [rev-o-lution.org/](http://rev-o-lution.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.

WE WELCOME Renee McCachren to Thyatira’s piano. Thanks for helping us bring good news through worship!

USHERS: **July Team** – Mike Hawkins (captain), Bill Bergstrom, Jeremy Deal, Steven Wetmore, A.J. Waller

LITURGIST: **Today** – Leigh Anne Wetmore  
**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** – Melissa Kluttz, Jessica Swanson

**Next Sunday** – Lydia Richmond, Ben Watts

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first two weeks in July, we reached 40% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Can we make it to 75% today? 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. Or simply scan the QR code at right to connect directly with Thyatira’s secure giving site.



## **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

- The family of Myra Rand, who died recently
- The family of Dewey Shaver, who passed away on July 8
- Drema Clemens and her family following the death of her mother, Bertha Warden on July 6
- Ada Jo Sloop, returning home after serving in the Peace Corps
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for leukemia
- Johnny Moore, being treated for a recurrence of cancer
- 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
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- 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:

July 20 Abigail Deal (*Omitted in error last week*)  
July 21 Jessica Leazer  
July 23 Cam Hall  
July 24 Joyce Caldwell  
July 27 Koen Franz, John Parish

**FLOWERS:** The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by the Goodnight family in honor of their family reunion being held today.

**MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST:** All men and boys are invited to join for food, fellowship, and faith next Sunday, July 28, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**HOMECOMING IS AUGUST 11:** Don't miss Homecoming when we'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, dedicate the Picnic Shelter and tables, honor our scholarship donors, and enjoy a great feast.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Until Monday, August 26, the office hours will be Monday-Friday 8:00am-12:00pm.

**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	The Happy Place
	9:55am	Preschool Choir (older kids after Sunday School)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare
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	8:30am	Men of the Church Breakfast
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### STAFF

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Faith Community Health Promoter. . . . . Georgia McCorkle  
Office Manager . . . . . Sharon Gantkowski  
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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

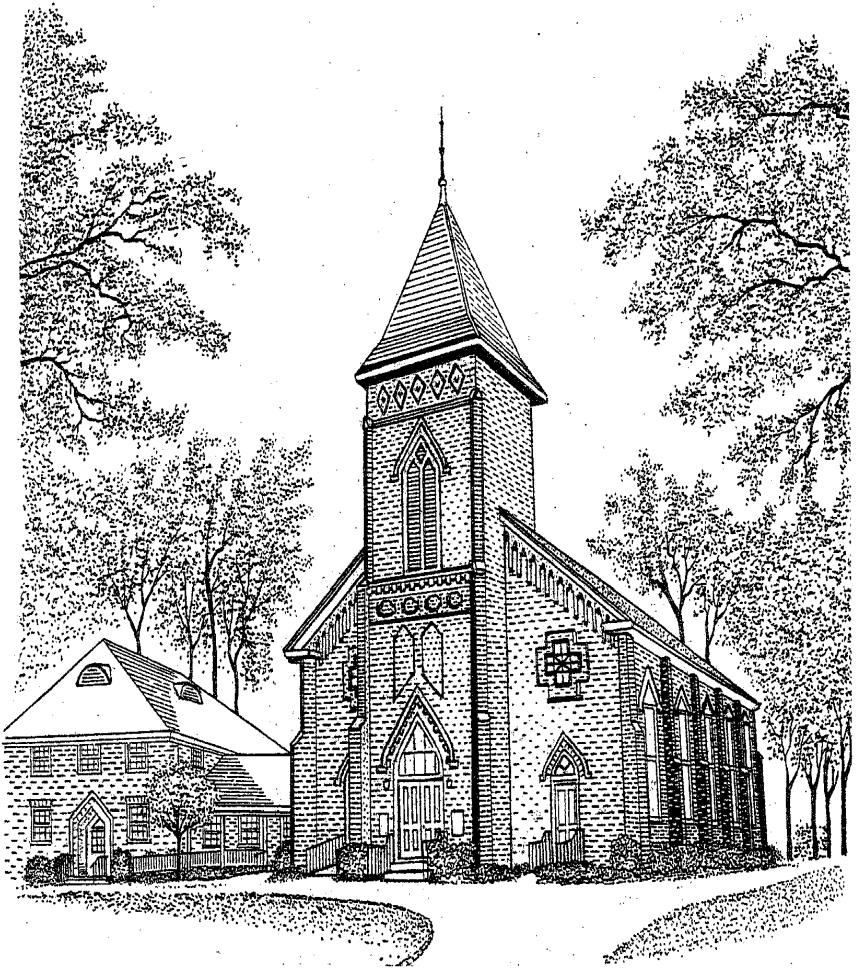
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Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
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