

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“By All Your Saints Still Striving”

Mansfield

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

All: We gather in this place built by God’s steadfast love.

One: Strugglers and stragglers, crawlers and cane users,

All: Each of us is seeking to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

One: Builders and menders, teachers and students,

All: The Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God’s people!

One: Let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God indeed!

*HYMN #386

“Come, Worship God”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful One. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples’ Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God’s household of hope and peace.

All: God’s covenant with us is everlasting; God’s steadfast love is forever; God’s forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #686

“God of Our Life”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Here Is Love”

arr. Wheatley

SERMON “I Heard It On the Grapevine”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Like A River Glorious”

Birchwood

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #693

“Though I May Speak”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

“Make Us One”

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.

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*POSTLUDE “I’ll Praise My Maker”

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*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

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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.

USHERS: **July Team** – Eddie Bell (Captain), Ryan Sloop, Jeremy Deal, Mike Hawkins, Steven Wetmore

Upcoming August Team – Aaron Richmond (Captain), Randall Patterson, Mike Connolly, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam

LITURGIST: **Today** – Melissa Kluttz **Next Sunday** – Millicent Hoffner

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 – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Selena Bell

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

Today – Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz, Selena Bell

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first three weeks of July we reached 71% of our monthly goal. Thanks for helping us to share the Good News!

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.

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers the Session and Staff of the Church, as well as all who faithfully serve one another and our community through the ministries of the church.

C/O George Calhoun: Mary Alice Calhoun

White Oak Manor, Charlotte: Ruby Erwin

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- Susan, a friend of Stacey's, whose brother died
- John Steele, being treated for leukemia at Baptist Hospital
- Juanita Turner, recovering from surgery on her hand
- Klancy and Jeremy Deal, expecting their baby very soon
- Pauline Myers, recovering from surgery
- Bill McLaughlin
- 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
- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- 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
- 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

BIRTHDAYS: July 23 Cam Hall
July 24 Joyce Caldwell
July 27 Koen Franz, John Parish
July 28 Adam Hall

VBS: Come sail away with us at VBS. Everyone is invited! Nursery-Middle School children as well as adult classes continue on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm on July 25, and August 1. We will start with dinner at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall each night.

2018-2019 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: 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. Open House/Orientation Wednesday, August 15 at 9:00am. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 4. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact the church at 704-636-1595 or office@thyatirapresbyterian.org for information and registration form.

HOMECOMING IS COMING!: On Sunday, August 12, we celebrate our Annual Homecoming. We'll welcome Thyatirans from near and far, and feast both at the Communion Table and at the Covered Dish meal following worship. Invite friends!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:30am	The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Preschool Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	6:00pm	Strategic Planning Steering Committee
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	5:15pm	VBS Meal
	6:00pm	VBS
Thursday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		RHM Supper
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
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Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

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Class of 2020

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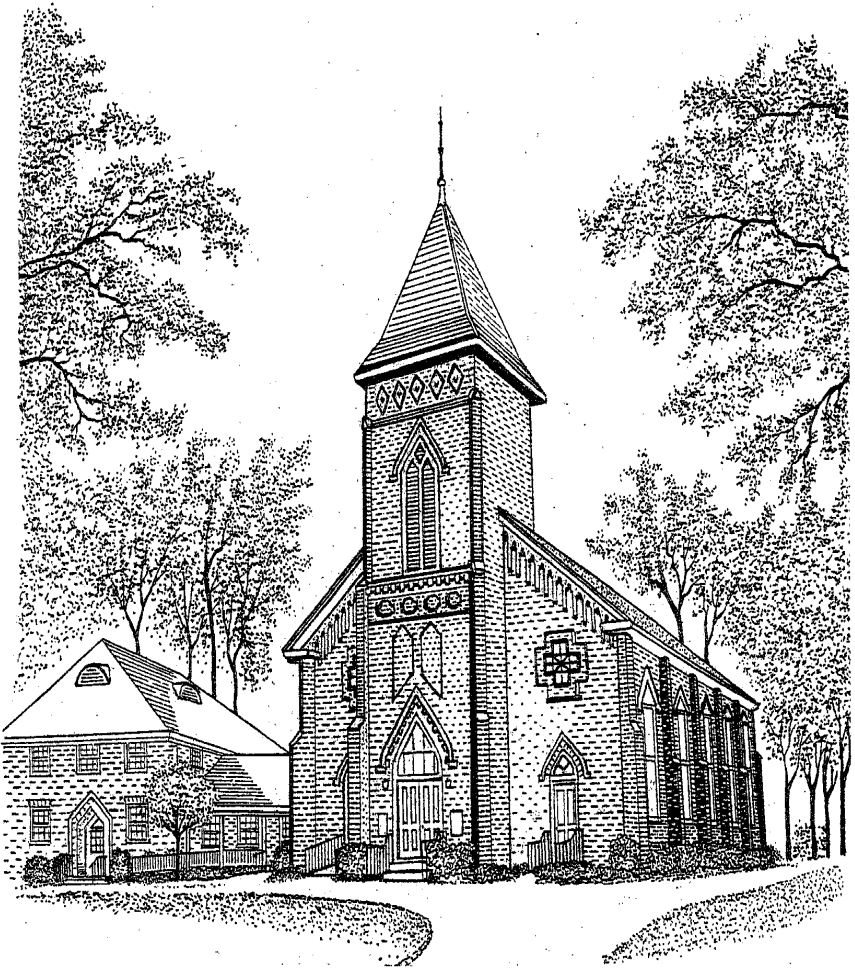
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WELCOME

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