

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Those who love Jesus keep his words;

**All: Those who love Christ will make their home with God.**

One: Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

**All: Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.**

One: Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.

**All: Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Amen.**

\* HYMN #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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

**Holy God, you see into our hearts. You see the true selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would destroy our images, the evils that lurk so deep within us we can scarcely name them, the unholy habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences. But you also see in us Jesus Christ, the Holy One who took on our sin and covers us in his righteousness. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God has forgiven us all our sins, clearing away all that stands against us, defeating death and all its power. In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #412

“God, Reveal Your Presence”

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 85

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:6-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Grace”

Hamlin

SERMON “Livin’ La Vida Loca”

Stacey Steck

**We believe**

that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;  
 that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged  
 that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;  
 that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;  
 that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;  
 that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;  
 that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;  
 that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

One: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

**All: Lord, teach us to pray**

## OUR OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\* Prayer

\*HYMN #727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

\*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  
[re-worship.blogspot.com](http://re-worship.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.

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

Upcoming August Team – Melissa Waller (captain), Aaron Richmond, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam, Randall Patterson

LITURGIST: **Today** – Bill Hall

**Next Sunday** – Leigh Anne Wetmore

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** – Lydia Richmond, Ben Watts

**Next Sunday** – Michelle Patterson, Alice Sloop

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first three weeks in July, we reached 58% 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

- 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 soon 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

July 28 Adam Hall  
July 29 Jay Bates, Jill Townsend  
July 30 Selena Bell  
August 2 Bradley McKnight, Brian Waller

**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	8:30am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:30am	The Happy Place
	9:55am	Preschool Choir (older kids after Sunday School)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
Wednesday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	The Happy Place
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship

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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 . . . . .

### 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

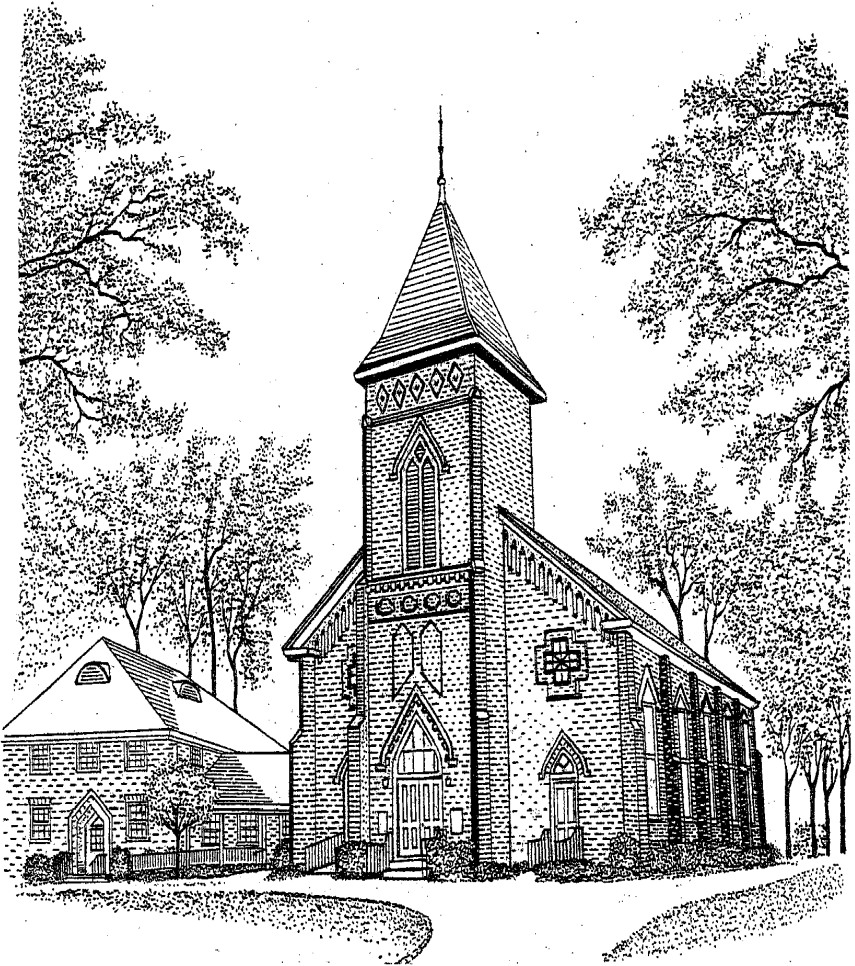
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Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
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Cub Scouts. . . . . Norma Lauder  
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