

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "In the Garden" Held

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: For the beauty of the summer day,

All: *And the comfort of friends nearby;*

One: For the invitation to love and be loved,

All: *For our God who extends that call;*

One: For time set apart to nourish the soul,

All: *For time to go out into the world armed with love:*

One: For all these things we give thanks.

All: *Let us worship God.*

* HYMN #619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Personal Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

***Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we
follow those paths that do not lead to life, but lead instead to
violence, or hate, or fear, to destinations of dread and death.
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life: life that is
abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things.
Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace
flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his
sake. Amen.***

* 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

"Dare to be a Daniel"

"Only a Boy Named David"

VBS Superheroes

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"My God is So Great"

* HYMN #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

FIRST LESSON

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Romans 8:26-39

GOSPEL LESSON

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON "Widows and Other Superheroes"

Stacey Steck

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<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 Bo Deal

- The Graham family, following the death of Rebecca Morrison on Tuesday, July 25
- Mason Luke Fuller, son of Laura Reynolds, grandson on Patty Wilson Reynolds and great nephew of Carolyn Wilson, born early at 26 weeks weighing 1lb 11oz.
- Norma Lauder's mother, Pansy, recovering from pneumonia
- The Overcash family, following the death of Dennis
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Ada Jo Sloop, adjusting to life in Uganda
- Colleagues of Debbie Edwards who were recently laid off
- 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
- OC Shoaf
- 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
- 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 staff of Salem Presbytery who help make our ministry possible:

Sam Marshall, Executive/General Presbyter

Dianna Wright, Associate Presbyter; African-American Advocate

Bryan McFarland, Associate Presbyter; Hunger Action Advocate;
Communications Coordinator

Alfredo Miranda, Hispanic Mission Evangelist

David Vaughan, Stated Clerk

Laurie Scott, Office Manager

Renee Carter, Financial Secretary

Peggy Trenchard, Administrative Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: July 30 – Selena Bell
August 2 – Bradley McKnight, Brian Waller
4 – Stephen Milam
5 – Ronda White

ANDREA LAMBERT & CASEY RAYMOND WEDDING CEREMONY

INVITATION: “Because you have shared in our lives by your friendship and love, we invite the congregation of Thyatira to our wedding ceremony to share the beginning of our new life together when we exchange marriage vows this Saturday, August 5th at five o'clock in the afternoon.” *Please note the August Newsletter has the wrong time listed.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST: There is a need for jars of peanut butter and jelly. Please help by bringing donations to the church so they can be delivered to help families in need.

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

Saturday 5:00pm Lambert/Raymond Wedding

Next Sunday 8:00am Men of the Church Breakfast
 9:30am The Happy Place
 Children's Choir
 10:00am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00am Worship/Communion
 6:30pm Adult Choir

HOMECOMING

Sunday, August 13

9:30am Happy Place & Children's Choir

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Recognizing 2017 Scholarship Recipients
followed by covered dish meal

Museum will be open after lunch