

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

VIDEO PRELUDE      “A Little Good News”      Anne Murray

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

**All: The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.**

One: The Spirit’s stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

**All: Our God is life-giving, life-restoring, and life-fulfilling.**

One: In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect God’s love and our hope.

**All: May our whole lives be worship, beginning again now.**

\* HYMN #401      “Here In This Place”

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

**Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world.**

**Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways. Sometimes those people are us. Help us to see your goodness in this world.**

**Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith.**

**We pray this in the name of Christ, who is the hope that dispels despair. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, God’s anger lasts but a moment, but God’s favor lasts a lifetime. The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Jesus Christ.

**All: Our hope remains in him. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #526      “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON      Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON      Hebrews 12:18-29

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      “Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand”      arr. Scheer

SERMON      “A Rallying Cry”      Stacey Steck

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the Confession of 1967*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.**

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\* Prayer

\*HYMN #634

“To God Be the Glory”

\*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

“Eye of the Tiger”

Sullivan & Peterik

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from  
re-worship.blogspot.com and lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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

**Upcoming September Team** – Jada Ware-Guy (captain), Ben Watts, Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Mike Corriher

**LITURGIST: Today** – Flora Calderón-Steck

**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** – Carly Moore, Janet Lambert

**Next Sunday** – Jada Ware-Guy, Melissa Waller

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** After the first three weeks in August, we reached 67% 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

- Our community's students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators as the academic year is getting underway
- The family of Kira Wetmore, whose mother, Trish Andre, died recently
- Families affected by gun violence
- 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
- Ted Deal
- Midwest communities affected by tornados
- 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 three 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:

Aug 26 Leona Guy, Keith Vaughan  
Aug 27 Linda Rogers, Carolyn Wilson  
Aug 31 Kaye Hawkins, Charlie King

**RALLY SUNDAY IS TODAY:** Sunday School Promotion and Breakfast hosted by the Men of the Church begin at 8:30am, followed by Sunday School at 10:00am, and then Worship at 11:00am with the Blessing of the Backpacks. Don't miss it!

**THYATIRA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:** There will be a short meeting after worship today of the TMA Executive Committee to discuss the proposal of placing a historical marker on the church property by the Daughters of the American Colonists.

**OFFICE HOURS:** New office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	<b>RALLY DAY</b>
	8:30am Breakfast hosted by Men of the Church
	9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am Worship – Blessing of the Backpacks
	12:00pm TMA Executive Committee Meeting
	4:00pm GriefShare
Monday	8:15am Preschool
	6:30pm Boy Scouts
	6:30pm Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting (FH)
Tuesday	8:15am Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am Preschool
	11:00am Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am Preschool
	11:00am Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am Preschool
	11:00am Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:30am Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am Worship with Communion
	4:00pm GriefShare

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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

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Ted Fuller  
Paul Gaylor  
Melissa Waller

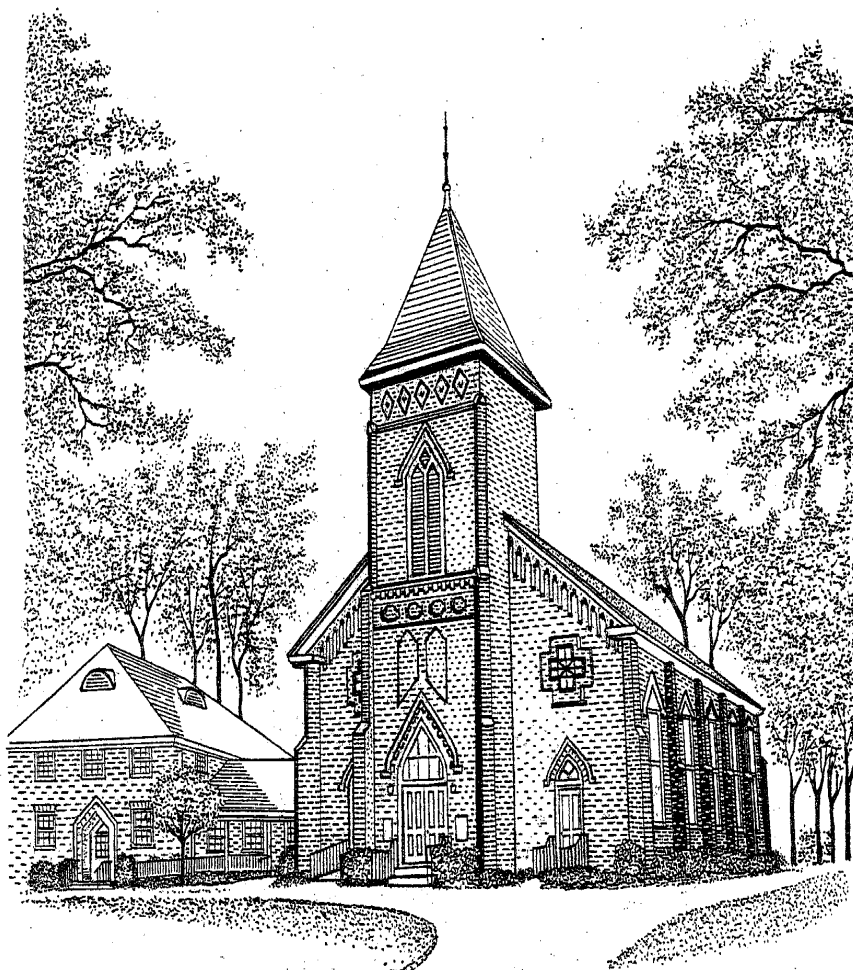
### CONTACT PERSONS

Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
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Boy Scouts. . . . . Greg Hager  
Cub Scouts. . . . . Norma Lauder  
Girl Scouts. . . . . Jada Ware-Guy

# WELCOME

## THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MILL BRIDGE

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