

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” with “My Chains Are Gone” Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To abide in you; to find strength in you; to take refuge in you,

All: we gather in God.

One: To challenge the evil around us; to bring healing to the hurt;
to offer hope to the vulnerable,

All: we follow Jesus the Christ.

One: To learn how to live; to put away our old gods; to stick with God
in every moment,

All: we listen to the Holy Spirit.

One: To honor and give thanks to the God who abides in us, heals us,
and sticks with us,

All: we worship the Lord. Amen!

*HYMN #305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you tell us to put on the whole armor you give us, but our closets are thin and bare. We could put on the comfortable shirt of faith, but prefer fear with its frayed cuffs and stains on the front. We could slip on the loafers of peace, but squeeze into the size-too-small stiff dress shoes of anger. We could wrap truth around our lives, yet continue to punch holes in the belt of falsehood so it always fits. Hear us, faithful God, and rescue us from our lesser selves. When we are lonely, you offer us your heart as a refuge. When we are broken, you knit us back together. When we are afraid, you promise to draw us into your embrace. When we are faithless, you continue to call us to follow Jesus the Christ, the only Word we need in the midst of so many hollow promises. In his name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As God listens to our voices and hearts, our brokenness is gathered up and we are made whole, as mercy and hope fill our lives.

All: We are forgiven. We are transformed into new people. We are clothed with grace and peace, so we may go and serve as God’s people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessing of the Backpacks

Presentation of Certificates

Prayer for Sunday School Students and Teachers

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “God Will Take Care of You” Martin

SERMON “What’s in Your Backpack?” Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Precious Lord Take My Hand” Held

* Doxology Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*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 “Here I Am, Lord” Carter

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted 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: **August Team** – Aaron Richmond (Captain), Randall Patterson, Mike Connolly, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam

Upcoming September Team – Ben Watts (Captain), Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Jada Ware-Guy

LITURGIST: **Today** – Debbie Edwards **Next Sunday** – Millicent Hoffner

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 Waller, Jada Ware-Guy

Next Sunday – TBA

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

Today – No Sunday School

Next Sunday – Melissa Waller

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first three weeks in August we reached 55% 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

- Jimmy Hoffner's family, following the death of Jimmy's father, Bill
- Phares and Harold Sechler
- The family of Jeanie Walton Jacobs
- John Steele, at home
- Juanita Turner, recovering from surgery on her hand
- Bill McLaughlin
- 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 and osteoporosis
- 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: August 26 Leona Guy, Keith Vaughan
August 27 Linda Rogers, Carolyn Wilson
August 31 Kaye Hawkins, Charlie King

MEN OF THE CHURCH & DEACONS: There will be no Men of the Church Breakfast or Deacon's meeting Sunday, September 2 due to Labor Day weekend.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST FUNDRAISER: Saturday, September 8, 10:00am-2:30pm at McLaughlin's Farmhouse, 15725 Mooresville Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115. Serving fresh grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, and drinks. RHM receives 10% of all sales in the store on that day. Please come out and support the outreach efforts of RHM-West.

BABY CARD DROP: Please continue to bring in cards of well wishes for baby girl Shah and parents, Amol and Cari (McCachren) Shah. Place cards in the decorated box located in the Educational Build by the preschool door.

2018-2019 THYATIRA PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: Preschool starts on Tuesday, September 4 and we do still have a few openings in the 3's class and one in the 4's class. The 2 year old class has been filled. If you know someone who might be interested in registering, please have them contact the church at 704-636-1595 or office@thyatirapresbyterian.org for information and registration form.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:00am	Breakfast
	9:30am	Mission Decision (9:15-10:45 Childcare Provided)
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Adult Choir
Monday	6:30pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	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 (Communion)
	12:15pm	Adult Choir

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THE SESSION

Moderator The Rev. Stacey Steck
Clerk of Session. Janet Lambert

Class of 2018

Beth Bates
Janet Lambert
Sandra Swanson
Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

David Hall
Norma Lauder
Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

Robin Luther
Doug Patterson
Phares Sechler
Brian Waller

Elder Emeriti. Jim Albright

THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. Paul Gaylor

Class of 2018

Eddie Bell
Mike Connolly
Ted Fuller
Paul Gaylor
Ryan Sloop

Class of 2019

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Jada Ware-Guy
Daniel Milam
Aaron Richmond
Steven Wetmore

Class of 2020

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Randall Patterson
Paul Rogers
AJ Waller
Ben Watts

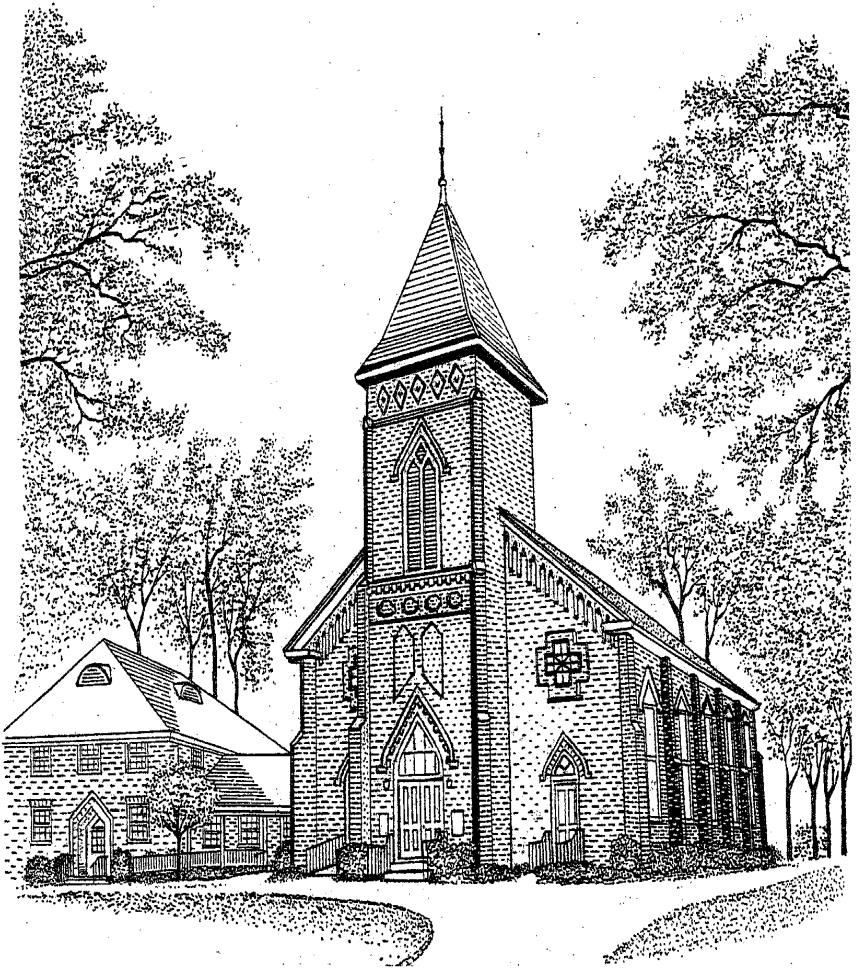
CONTACT PERSONS

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WELCOME

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