

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

All: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

One: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

All: we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

One: God has called us together,

All: God has called us to be part of a community.

One: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

All: O God, open our hearts, minds and eyes, allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world. Amen.

* HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

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

Holy God, you call us to be your voices in this world and we bite our tongues. You call us to be your hands in this world and we just sit on them. You call us to be your feet in this world and we tie our shoelaces together, and trip and fall. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Mold and shape us into vessels that declare with heart, soul and voice that your son Jesus Christ is the bringer of Good News for all. In his name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run to, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled to God. We will go and live with the love of God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #472

“Kum Ba Yah”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1:1-21

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Do Not Be Afraid”

Patterson & Morris

SERMON “Spin Control”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*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 and lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

* * *

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

LITURGIST: **Today** – Millicent Hoffner

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 – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Selena Bell

Next Sunday – Jada Ware-Guy, Flora Calderón-Steck

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first week in September, we reached 21% 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

- Cindy, Kaye Hawkins' cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Communities affected by Hurricane Dorian
- Kitty Harris, recovering from hip injury
- Linda Albright
- 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
- Mike Hawkins, ongoing health issues
- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Ted Deal
- 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| Sept 8 | Daniel Wetmore |
| Sept 9 | JoAnn Kerr |
| Sept 11 | Jim Albright, Kaycee Ingram,
Harold Sechler, Karen Townsend |
| Sept 12 | Luke Hager, Jeanie Jacobs |
| Sept 13 | Jim Beard, Clint Rowland, Charlotte Swanson |
| Sept 14 | Cody Armstrong |

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION: Thyatira's youth, grades 7 and up, are invited to an informational gathering about this year's Confirmation Class. This Orientation will be held on tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Parents are encouraged to attend.

CUB SCOUT LEADER NEEDED: We had a great turnout for signups and in the need for one more leader. Can lead either a boys or a girls group. We meet on Mondays 6:30-7:30pm. The first meeting is on Monday, Sept 9. Contact Norma Lauder for more information at 704-314-5794.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES-WEST FUNDRAISERS: Please come out and join us for the following events to support our outreach efforts. Sunday, Sept 8, 1:00pm-6:00pm, Doris Wilson Open House, 275 Upright Road, Mt Ulla, Entertainment & Food to benefit RHM-W. Then on Saturday, September 14, 10:00am-2:30pm at McLaughlin's Farmhouse, 15725 Mooresville Rd, Mooresville, selling fresh-grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, plus 10% of sales in the store that day will also benefit RHM-W. The Back Creek Bluegrass Boys will provide entertainment.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare (Parlor)
	6:30pm	Confirmation Class Orientation (Parlor)
6:30pm	Adult Choir	
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
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
	4:00pm	GriefShare (Parlor)
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

220 White Road
Salisbury, NC 28147
704-636-1595
PASTOR STECK: 704-245-8100

Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm
EMAIL ADDRESS: office@thyatirapresbyterian.org
WEB SITE: thyatirapresbyterian.org

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 Charles Chandler

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

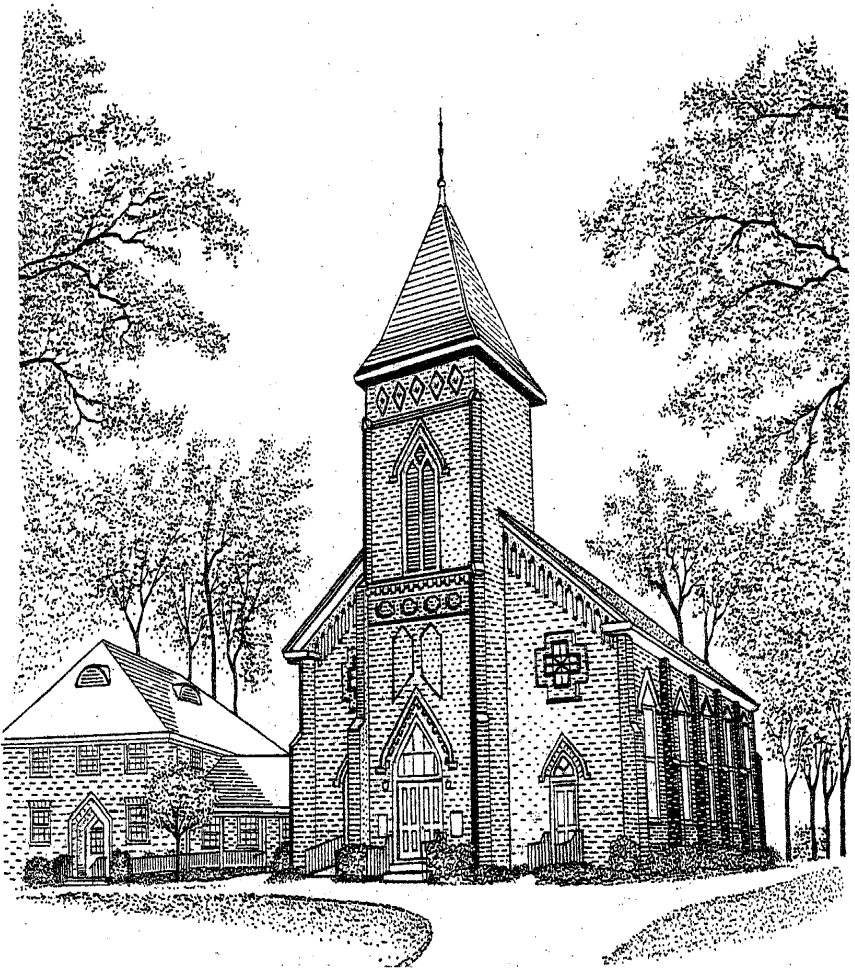
CONTACT PERSONS

Thyatira Memorial Association President. Ed Hall
Church School Superintendent Jimmy Hoffner
Men of the Church President. Greg Hager
Presbyterian Women Moderator. Jada Ware-Guy
Boy Scouts. Greg Hager
Cub Scouts. Norma Lauder
Girl Scouts. Jada Ware-Guy

WELCOME

THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MILL BRIDGE

*The Good News Capital
of Western Rowan County*



Organized by 1750

A Living Legacy of Love, Faith, Service,
and Patient Endurance