

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Come, Labor On”

Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here, in this place, we will not be afraid to sing the good news.

All: We will praise our God, now and always.

One: Here, with this people, we will not fear in living the good news.

All: We will walk with Jesus, as he comes with justice in his hands.

One: Here, in these moments, we will not mumble the good news, afraid someone might hear.

All: We will be trust the Holy Spirit to give us the words to say.

One: Here in this worship, we will lift our hearts to the Triune God of grace,

All: And not be afraid!

*HYMN #396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

One: What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

All: God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

One: What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

All: God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.

One: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

All: We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers and help us be doers of your word.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the Good News: It is good to trust in the Lord, for the Lord is good. God’s mercy extends to the thousandth generation to those who love the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #658

“God Is So Good”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

James 2:1-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Great Is the Lord”

Smith

SERMON “Miraculous Listening”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “I Love You, Lord”

Young

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

*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 “Once to Every Man and Nation”

Young

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
and holdfasttowhatisgood.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: **September Team** – Ben Watts (Captain), Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Jada Ware-Guy

LITURGIST: **Today** – Melissa Kluttz **Next Sunday** – Debbie Edwards

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 – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

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

Today – Robin Luther, Leigh Anne Wetmore

Next Sunday – Janet Lambert, Melissa Waller

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Through the first week in September we have reached 29% 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

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Carol King following her death on September 3
- The family of Ruby Erwin following her death on August 28
- 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
- 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: Sept 9 Daniel Milam
Sept 11 Jim Albright, Kaycee Ingram
Harold Sechler, Karen Townsend

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A meeting of the Congregation will be held today following worship for the purpose of approving Thyatira Memorial Association expenditures for 2018. Please plan to stay for this brief meeting.

PRAYER, SONG, AND STUDY RESUMES WEDNESDAY: Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as we pray, sing, and read the Bible together. For the next few weeks, we'll be reading Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Letter From Birmingham Jail*, which the PC(U.S.A.) is considering for inclusion in the Book of Confessions.

2018-2019 THYATIRA PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: We do still have an opening 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	8:30am	Session Meeting
	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
	12:00pm	Congregational Meeting following service
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	9:00am	Christian Education Clean Up Day
	9:00am	Presbyterian Women
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	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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Paul Rogers
AJ Waller
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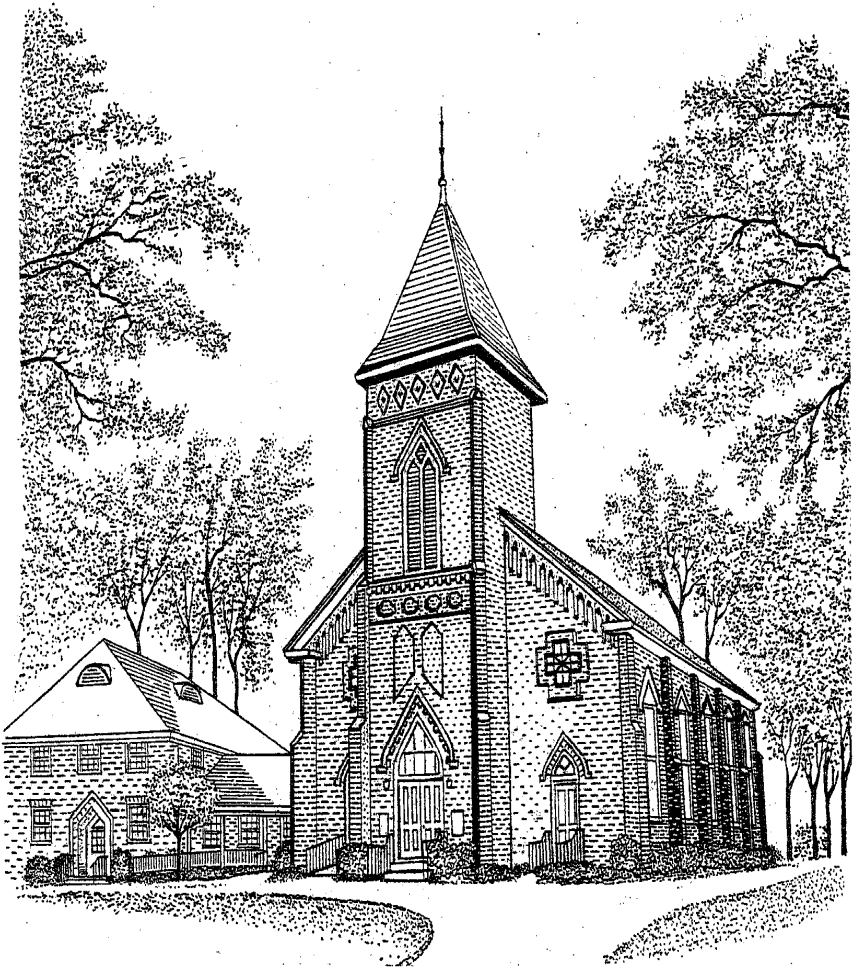
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