

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Turn Back, O Man, Forswear They Foolish Ways" Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * OPENING SONG "Lord Prepare Me" #701
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tired and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you. (x2)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why do we come?

All: Because someone once brought us.

One: Why do we pray?

All: Because someone once taught us.

One: Why do we give thanks?

All: Because someone's love once caught us.

One: Why do we worship God?

**All: Because the grace that has brought us, taught us, and
caught us has also bought us!**

- * HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Personal Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

***Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile,
getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own
short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is
good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing
that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as
our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world.
Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our
betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to
grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love
and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.***

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, This is the good news for us. God remembers us and
forgives us, so we might live as people of love and hope.

**All: We will sing our praises to the One who has made us whole.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR DISCERNMENT

- * HYMN #357 "The Days Are Surely Coming"

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON "The First Invite-A-Friend Sunday" Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Father, I Adore Thee" Bock

* Doxology:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* Prayer

* HYMN #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#643) "Amazing Grace"

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

* POSTLUDE "Rondeau" Mounet

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from holdfasttowhatisgood.com

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 call the church office at 704-636-1595.

LITURGIST: Today – Flora Calderón-Steck
Next Week – Debbie Edwards

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Carly Moore, Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: The first week in September we reached 34% of our monthly goal.

HURRICANE RELIEF: If you would like to make an offering to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, please place it (designated) in the offering plate.

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

- Ruth Albright recovering at home after a fall
- Those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and the earthquake in Mexico
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, in rehab at Forsyth Hospital following a stroke
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- Father of Michelle Patterson, Pete Adkins is undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- 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
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan

Wednesday Evening Prayer, Song, & Study

Beginning, September 13, all are invited Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to engage in an hour in prayer, song, and study. We'll gather in the Sanctuary to give thanks to God for giving us Jesus Christ, the light of the world, to pray for the joys and concerns of our hearts and the world, and to reflect on a passage of Scripture. Bring your Bible. Please join us!



For more information, please contact Pastor Stacey at 704-636-1595.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: September 11 – Jim Albright, Kaycee Ingram
Harold Sechler, Karen Townsend
12 – Luke Hager, Jeanie Jacobs
13 – James Beard, Clint Rowland
14 – Cody Armstrong
16 – Drew Davis

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE: A meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00pm.

LUNCH AND LEARN: The Health Cabinet will host a "Lunch and Learn" on Sunday, September 17, 2017 immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. The meal for this event will be catered by L.A. Murph. Therefore, we will be needing a headcount as to the number of people who plan to attend. You may sign up for this event in several ways: signing up on the bulletin board outside the office, email the church office or call the church office or a Health Cabinet member. The topic will be based on Care for the Caregiver and resources available in the community. The presenter will be Robert Leonard who is the South Central Regional Director for the NC Baptist Aging Ministry. The deadline to sign-up is Noon on Wednesday, September 13th so our final meal order can be completed.

ROWAN MUSEUM'S GERMANFEST: September 15-16, bigger and better this year! Come to the Old Stone House, 770 Old Stone House Road, Salisbury, Friday evening from 6-9 pm September 15 for a German feast, German music, and Dr. Gary Freeze talking about the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! Advanced registration required, \$35. Come on Saturday, September 16, for a 9 am volksmarch, a German festival, brats, pastries, and New Sarum specially brewed beverages. Dr. Freeze will speak twice on the Reformation and several local Lutheran and Reformed churches will share some of their history and artifacts. Theo Buerbaum's photographs of early Rowan County will be displayed also. \$5 for adults \$3 for students. For more information call Rowan Museum 704-633-5946.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	5:30pm	Preschool Board Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
Saturday	10:00am	D-Day
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