

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "I've Found A Friend"

Haan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are not our own:

All: so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

One: We are not on our own:

All: so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

One: We are not our own, we are God's:

All: so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

One: We are not on our own,

All: as we walk the streets of God's kingdom: so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.

One: We are not our own:

All: so, let us worship the God to whom we belong.

*HYMN #792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God of all Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart. Forgive us, O Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: With gentleness, God speaks to us;
with graciousness, God forgives us;
with joy, God embraces us.

**All: With our lips, we praise God;
with our words, we thank God;
with our silence, we find God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #442

"Just As I Am"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:27-32

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace”

Newton

Alex Bouk, Flute

SERMON “Who’s Your Friend?: The Sinner”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Young

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #443

“There Is Redeemer”

*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 “Trumpet Voluntary”

Purcell

*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** – Leigh Anne Wetmore **9/23** – Doug Patterson

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 – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Carly Moore, Debbie Edwards

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

Today – Janet Lambert, Melissa Waller

Next Sunday – Dana Milam, Melissa Waller

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Through the first two weeks in September we have reached 52% 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

Carillon: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Carol King following her death
- The family of Ruby Erwin following her death
- 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 16 Drew Davis, Mackenzie Patterson
Sept 17 Chris Ingram
Sept 18 Tim Seaboch
Sept 20 Cindy Connolly

INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 7!: The next three Sundays we'll be preparing ourselves to invite, receive, and welcome guests on our annual Invite-A-Friend Sunday. Start thinking now about who you might like to ask to join us in worshipping God together on World Communion Sunday, and listen the next three weeks to learn how!

PRAYER, SONG, AND STUDY MEETS WEDNESDAYS: 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	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
	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
	7:30pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
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Class of 2018

Beth Bates
Janet Lambert
Sandra Swanson
Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

David Hall
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Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

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Brian Waller

Elder Emeriti. Jim Albright

THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. Paul Gaylor

Class of 2018

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Ted Fuller
Paul Gaylor
Ryan Sloop

Class of 2019

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Jada Ware-Guy
Daniel Milam
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Steven Wetmore

Class of 2020

Mike Hawkins
Randall Patterson
Paul Rogers
AJ Waller
Ben Watts

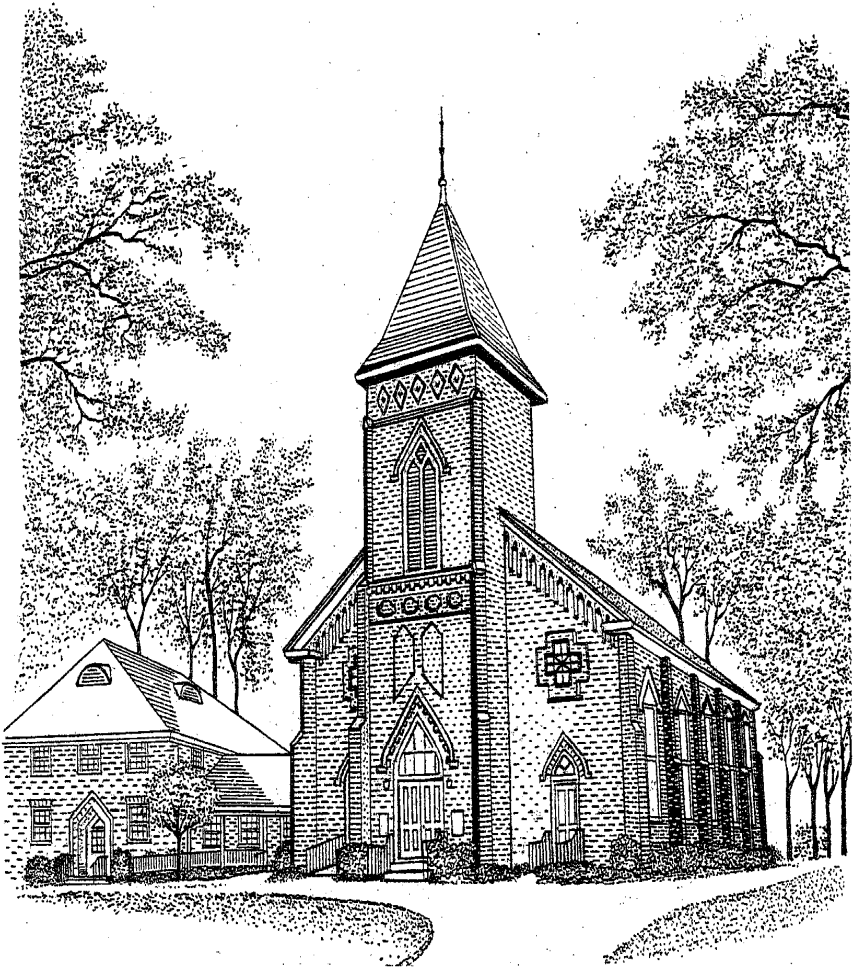
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WELCOME

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