

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "You Servants of God" Lachenauer

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.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With eyes to see,

All: And ears to hear,

One: With lips to sing,

All: And hands to help:

One: Let us worship God with all that is within us.

All: With hearts afire

One: And spirits groaning,

All: With songs inspiring

One: And prayers exploding

All: Let us worship God with all that is within us.

* HYMN #299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Personal Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Lord of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, but lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear, or to dread and death and despair. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We ask this in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. We are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of life! Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #465 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

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

"He Paid the Price"

Burgess

SERMON

"Be Opened!"

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Hobby

* 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 #722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

* 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

"Lord Speak To Me"

Albrecht

*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 – Bill Hall

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 – Carly Moore, Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Abby Covington, Michelle Patterson

GUEST ORGANIST: We welcome Dawn Merrell who is filling in for Ron today.

GENEROSITY UPDATE: The first two weeks in September we reached 63% 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.

My Invite-A-Friend Sunday

Invitation List

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

- The birth of Charlotte Swanson, daughter of Michael and Jessica Swanson
- Stacey's friend, Joe Hunter, recovering from by-pass surgery
- Mary Deal's sister, Margaret, being treated for an infection
- The mother of a friend of Debbie Edwards
- Betty Morgan, sister of Ruth Albright, recovering after serious car accident
- 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 Liberty Commons 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

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 17 – Chris Ingram
18 – Tim Seaboch
20 – Cindy Connolly
21 – Michael Hobbs
22 – David Hall

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Big Kids Children's Choir will meet Sundays at 9:30am and the Preschoolers will meet at 10:00am during Sunday School.

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" immediately following worship today in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Roselind (Ronney) Steele invites her church family to celebrate her 90th birthday on October 7 at Oak Park Activity Room, 548 White Oaks Drive, from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. No presents please – Just come!

ALL THYATIRA WOMEN are invited to attend the Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of Salem Presbytery which will be held here at Thyatira on Saturday, September 23, beginning at 9:00 am. Registration will start at 8:30 am. The cost is \$12 and participants are invited to bring new or gently used luggage to donate to Children's Hope Alliance. The keynote leader will be Susan Jackson-Dowd, executive director of Presbyterian Women for the PC(USA). Please contact Thyatira PW Moderator Jada Ware-Guy at 704-236-9471 for more information.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Lunch & Learn
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
	7:30pm	Youth Ministry Study Team
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:00pm	Trust Fund Committee Meeting
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:15pm	Book Club
Saturday	8:30am	Salem Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering
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