

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Turn Back, O Man, Forswear Thy Foolish Ways” Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this morning, as every morning,

All: we are surrounded by God’s grace.

One: In these moments, as every moment,

All: we are called to costly discipleship by Jesus.

One: Throughout this day, as every day,

All: we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.

One: As we gather together to worship the Triune God of grace,

All: we give thanks and celebrate the life God has given us!

*HYMN #612

“We Praise You, O God”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess how much we are like disciples of Jesus from every age. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict. Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Can we handle it – the good news; the fact that God’s grace can transform us; that God can teach us new songs; that God can fill us with hope and joy?

All: It is hard to believe it, which is why it is hard to accept it.

But God loves us, God has mercy on us, God is with us.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:37-42

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Gabaráin

SERMON “Who’s Your Friend?: The Saint” Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Father, I Adore Thee” Bock
* Doxology Hymnal, #606
* Prayer

*HYMN #757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*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 “Rondeau” Mouret

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.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

Upcoming October Team – Eddie Bell (Captain), Ryan Sloop, Jeremy Deal, Mike Hawkins, Steven Wetmore

LITURGIST: **Today** – Doug Patterson **Next Sunday** – Bill Hall

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 – Carly Moore, Debbie Edwards

Next Sunday – Janet Lambert, Melissa Waller

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

Today – Dana Milam, Melissa Waller

Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz, Melissa Waller

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Through the first three weeks in September we have reached 69% 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
- John Steele, at home
- 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 21 Michael Hobbs
Sept 22 David Hall
Sept 24 Klancy Deal
Sept 27 Beverly Hampton, James Myers
Sept 28 Ruth Thompson

NEW INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY DATE IS OCTOBER 14!: 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
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Preschool – Grandparents Day Program
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	8:00am	Christian Education Cleanup Day
	3:00pm	Packathon at Concordia Lutheran Church
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Moderator The Rev. Stacey Steck
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Class of 2018

Beth Bates
Janet Lambert
Sandra Swanson
Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

David Hall
Norma Lauder
Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

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Brian Waller

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Ryan Sloop

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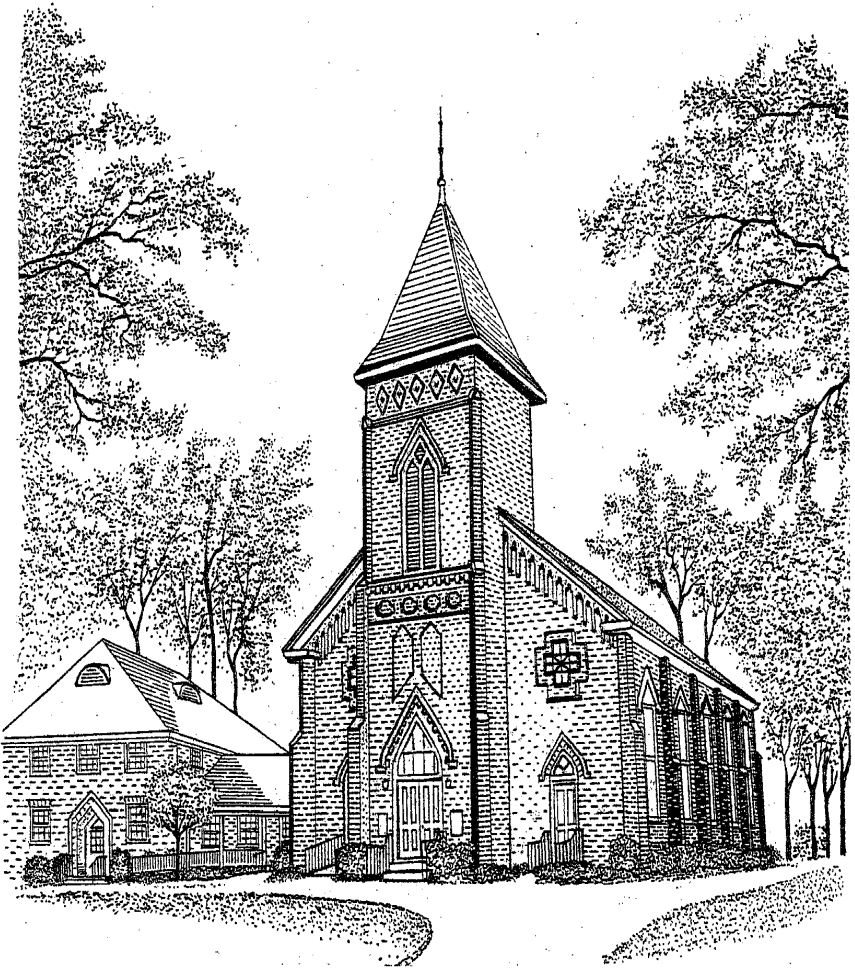
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