

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Ciacona in E Minor BuxWV 160" Buxtehude

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: We come to praise our God, whose steadfast love is always with us.

**All: God does not stand by idly, but fills us with grace to share.**

One: We are here to praise Jesus, who chooses to be gracious to all.

**All: Jesus does not stand by idly, but brings justice to all treated unfairly.**

One: We will praise the Spirit in these moments, who is always at our side.

**All: The Spirit is with us now and always, so we may live as faithful people. Amen!**

- \* HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Personal Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, It is true that we grumble too much. We are easily stampeded by the desires of those around us, only to wonder how we end up where we find ourselves. We see so much of everything on our electronic devices, and become convinced we deserve more. Though we know others have the same struggles, we have trouble standing by their side. Forgive us, gracious God, as you continue to shower us with your steadfast love. You as so slow to get mad, yet rush to share your grace with us. May we continue to seek to live in the way of justice, hope, and peace shown to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Unlike us, God chooses not anger, but mercy; not punishment, but peace; not just what we earn, but more grace than we can begin to imagine.

**All: Now we know what the kingdom of heaven is like - steadfast love, joy and laughter, the life for which we have yearned. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

- \* HYMN #744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM "You Are Holy" Imboden and Rhoton

SERMON "The 3 "Ms of Invitation!" Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" Dupré

\* 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 #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

\* 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 "Christ Jesus Who Maketh Us Glad" Dupré

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.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 – Debbie Edwards  
Next Week – Janet Lambert

**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 – Abby Covington, Michelle Patterson

Next Sunday – Melissa Waller, Beth Bates

**GUEST ORGANIST:** We welcome Laura Agner who is filling in for Ron today.

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** The first three weeks in September we reached 90% 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

- Tom Turner, recovering from back surgery
- Joyce Caldwell is recovering from a fall
- Kathy Allen, recovering from bone marrow transplant
- 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 the recent hurricanes and earthquakes 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 24 – Klancy Deal  
27 – Beverly Hampton, James Myers  
28 – Ruth Thompson  
30 – Ed Hall

**INVITE-A-FRIEND** is Sunday, October 1. Help us reach our goal of 200 people worshipping God on World Communion Sunday. You can do it! A covered dish meal will follow service. Remember: Who can't use more good news!

**MEN OF THE CHURCH:** We will be having breakfast at 8:00am Sunday, October 1 followed by the monthly Deacon's Meeting at 9:00am.

**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.

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

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & 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
	7:30pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool (Grandparents Day in Fellowship Hall 10am)
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
Next Sunday		INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY
	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacon's Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Covered Dish Lunch
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

## **My Invite-A-Friend Sunday**

### **Invitation List**

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