

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come so that we can worship our God,

All: whose words restore us to life.

One: We come so that we can follow Jesus,

All: whose hopes for justice are crystal clear.

One: We come so that we can learn from the Spirit,

All whose teachings help us to understand how to live as God’s people.

One: We come in the name of the Triune God.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #54

“Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Called to be your people, Living God, why do we find it so hard to answer? You ask us to speak out against injustice, and we whisper because we are afraid someone might hear us. You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us, but we close our eyes. You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your image, yet we persist in noticing the differences between us and others. Forgive us, God of the past and creator of the future. May we be the ones who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, of hope, of healing, of joy to everyone who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Touched by the healing hands of our Lord, filled with the grace of our God, led by the compassion of the Holy Spirit,

All: our hearts are opened and we discover we are forgiven and at peace with God. Alleluia. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Farther Along”

Baxter and Stevens

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

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Jones
* Doxology Hymnal, #606
* Prayer

*HYMN #415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*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 "Lift High the Cross" Busarow

*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** – Bill Hall **Next Sunday** – Flora Calderón-Steck

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 – Janet Lambert, Melissa Waller

Next Sunday – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Selena Bell

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

Today – Melissa Kluttz, Melissa Waller

Next Sunday – Dana Milam or Beth Bates, Melissa Waller

GENEROSITY UPDATE: With one Sunday left in September we have reached 105% 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

- Communities affected by Hurricane Florence
- John Steele, at Baptist Hospital
- 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
- Bill McLaughlin
- Fred & Edna Stamper
- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues
- 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 30 Ed Hall
Oct 1 Aaron Davis
Oct 2 Aiden Best
Oct 3 Griffin Rouse
Oct 4 Caroline Waller
Oct 5 Phares Sechler

NEW INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY DATE IS OCTOBER 14!: Start thinking now about who you might like to ask to join us in worshipping God together on October 14. Your invitation could change someone's life!

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
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
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	9:30am	The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Preschool Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
6:30pm	Adult Choir	

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Keith Vaughan

Class of 2019

David Hall
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Class of 2020

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Paul Gaylor
Ryan Sloop

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AJ Waller
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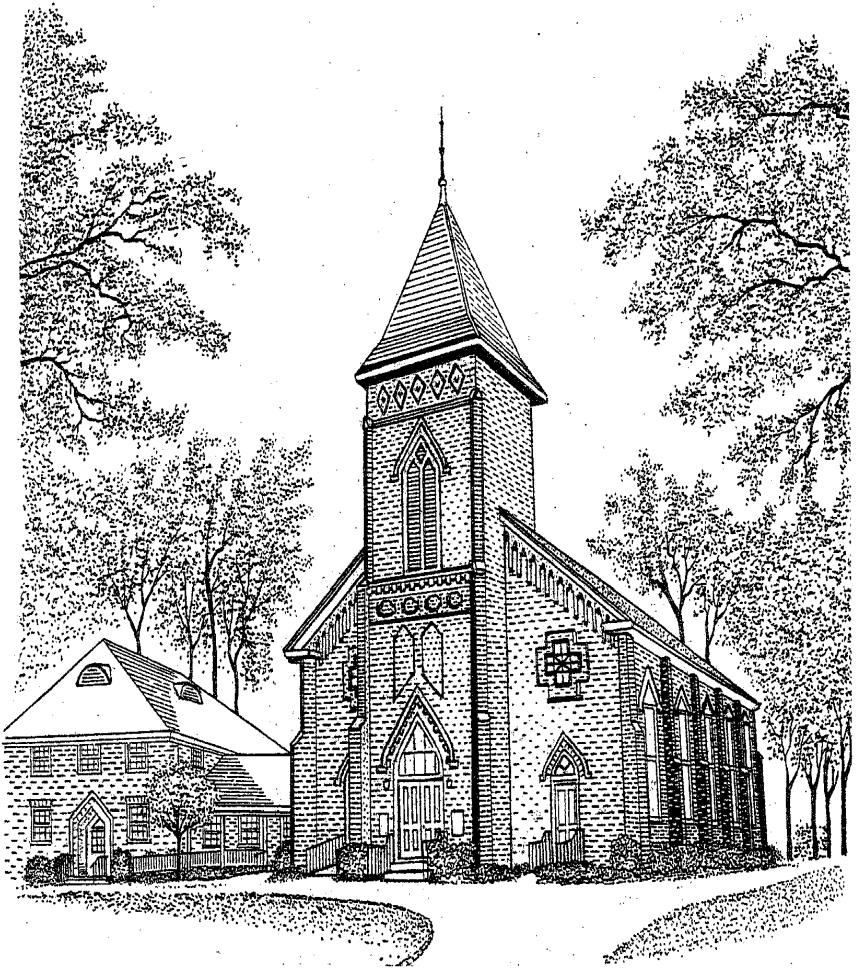
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