

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE. "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

All: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

One: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

All: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

All: We see Jesus, the One who is patient with the questions we raise, and who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

All: We see ourselves made in the image of God and gathered in worship to celebrate God's goodness. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus. We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that excess of unneeded things to which we cling so tightly, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that blessed and abundant life he offers to each of us. In his name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

All: Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Here Is Love”

arr. Wheatley

SERMON “Don’t Sneeze or You’ll Miss It!”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “I Surrender All”

Spong

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #302

“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#318, v. 1)

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

*POSTLUDE “We All Believe in One True God”

Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

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

LITURGIST: **Today** – Melissa Kluttz **Next Sunday** – Millicent Hoffner

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 – Jada Ware-Guy, Flora Calderón-Steck

Next Sunday – Lydia Richmond, Dana Milam

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

Today – Dana Milam, Melissa Waller

Next Sunday – Beth Bates, Dana Milam

Thank you to everyone that had volunteered their time as a Sunday School volunteer. Going forward, Dana Milam has agreed to help teach in Beth Bates’ classroom.

GENEROSITY UPDATE: So far in October we have reached 13% of our monthly goal. Thanks for helping us to share the Good News! Let’s make this a magnificent month!

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 Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- Amol and Cari (McCahren) Shah and newborn daughter, Lahna Jane, born on Tuesday, October 2
- The family of John Steele following his death
- 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: Oct 14 Catherine Wolfingbarger
Oct 15 James Reber, Jennifer Rouse
Oct 16 Laurel Harcum, Chris Rivera
Oct 17 Doug Patterson, Brittany Thompson
Oct 19 Michael Connolly

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 continue 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT: The youth will host a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27 at 5:00pm. Schedule is as follows: 5:00 Trunk or Treat (Prize awarded to best decorated trunk), 6:00 Costume Contest, 7:00 Games and Bingo, 7:45 Cake Walk. Hot dogs and fixings will be served. We will be collecting donations of candy and sweets for the cake walk. Please speak to a youth or Ben Watts with any questions.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY 8:30am Session 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 5:00pm Youth Meeting 6:30pm Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am Preschool 6:30pm Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am Preschool 7:00am Christian Education Meeting
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 7:00pm Book Club
Saturday	9:00am Presbyterian Women
Next Sunday	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

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THE SESSION

Moderator The Rev. Stacey Steck
Clerk of Session. Janet Lambert

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

Robin Luther
Doug Patterson
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Brian Waller

Elder Emeriti. Jim Albright

THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. Paul Gaylor

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Ted Fuller
Paul Gaylor
Ryan Sloop

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Paul Rogers
AJ Waller
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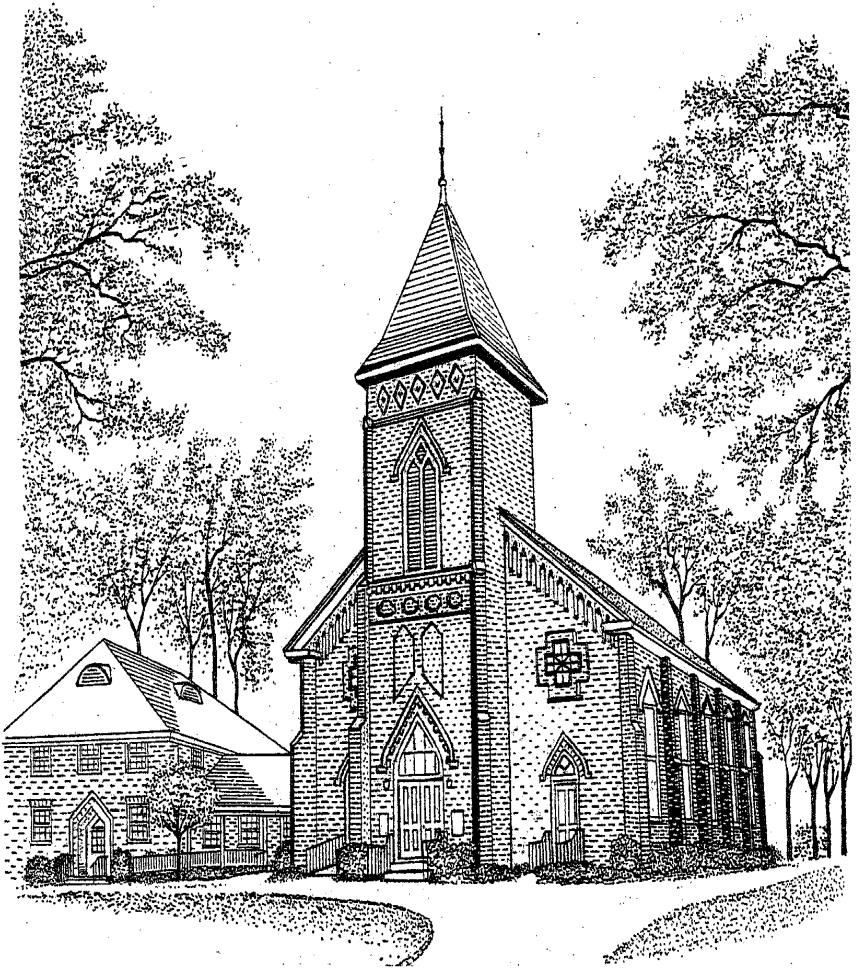
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WELCOME

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