

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Our Father in Heaven”

Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather on this Children’s Sabbath Sunday

All: to worship God who loves each and every child.

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All: in the name of Christ who welcomed the children when others would keep them away.

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All: moved by the Holy Spirit to seek justice and create community.

One: Come, let us worship God who loves the little children

All: Let us worship God who loves us all.

* OPENING HYMN #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (*Silently and personally, and then responsively*)

O God, we confess that too often our hearts are hardened to the struggles of others, including children in poverty; our hearts are narrowed in the circle of those we love, excluding children not our “own.” Our hearts are discouraged and too ready to give up on things that matter, like ending poverty. We confess that too often our voices are silent in the face of injustice, and soft in the presence of the powerful. Forgive us, O God. Soften our hearts to love as you do, broaden our embrace to include others, and instill in us hope so that we do not lose heart. Stir us, we pray, to call out injustice, strengthen our voices to speak up for change, and sensitize us to hear those unheard. These things we pray in the name of Jesus whose heart and voice revealed how you would have us live. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Jesus came so that we would know that there is nothing that can make God stop loving us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Knowing ourselves as loved and forgiven, we will love and forgive others. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Music by Young Disciples

“Praise Him”

“Creature Praise”

“Kum Bah Yah”

*HYMN #175

“Seek Ye First”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Keep the Echo Going”

Stacey Steck

*HYMN #647

“Give Thanks”

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

**Response: “God, hear our cry, and help us not lose heart
as we pray and work for justice.”**

OUR OFFERING

Offertory “It Is Well With My Soul”

arr. Hayes

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response, #539, vs. 1

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

One: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy.

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We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Agincourt Hymn”

Unstable

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from childrensdefense.org

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 – Mike Hawkins (captain), Bill Bergstrom, Jeremy Deal, Steven Wetmore, A.J. Waller

LITURGIST: **This Sunday** – Melissa Kluttz

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 – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Beth Bates, Abby Covington

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first two Sundays in October, we reached 63% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts do so much toward making us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County! You can now also give conveniently online using the GivePlus+ app.

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers the Session, Deacons, and Staff of the Church, as well as all who faithfully serve one another and our community through the ministries of the church.

Mocksville Senior Living: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Ted Deal following his death on October 11
- Jon McCachren being treated for a blood clot
- Jewell Shoaf, in rehab after surgery
- Paul Gaylor, not feeling well
- Cindy, Kaye Hawkins' cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Communities affected by Hurricane Dorian
- Kitty Harris, recovering from hip injury
- Linda Albright
- Families affected by gun violence
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for leukemia
- Johnny Moore, being treated for a recurrence of cancer
- Mike Hawkins, ongoing health issues
- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Edna Stamper
- Joyce and Danny Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr

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 three 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

- Oct 21 Cara Blake Cruz, Candace McKnight
- Oct 23 Norman Shaver
- Oct 24 Anna Edwards
- Oct 25 Lisa Armstrong, Ada Jo Sloop
- Oct 26 Kristy Seaboch

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S SABBATH OFFERING: If you would like to support a local children's ministry on this Children's Sabbath, please consider Children's Hope Alliance. Information is found on the bulletin insert.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT: The Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying those whom God has already chosen to be Elders and Deacons for the next three years. Please use the bulletin insert to recommend persons whom you believe meet the qualifications listed. For more information, please contact David Hall.

FALL FESTIVAL: Thyatira's Youth will host a Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat, Costume Contest, Cake Walk, and Games on Saturday, October 26 at 5:00pm. Hot dogs will be served. Donations for cake walk and candy are kindly requested.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27: Make plans now to be at church on Sunday, October 27 for the event of the season, a live broadcast of the Fall Generosity Campaign of WTPC, Rowan County's Good News Station! The broadcast will feature an episode of "A Piedmont Home Companion." Don't miss it!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	Happy Place
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare (Parlor)
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	6:30pm	Confirmation Class (Parlor)
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Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool (Fall Festival Day)
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Thursday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song & Study
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Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Book Club
Saturday	5:00pm	Fall Festival hosted by Thyatira Youth
Next Sunday	8:30am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:30am	Happy Place
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare (Parlor)
6:30pm	Adult Choir	

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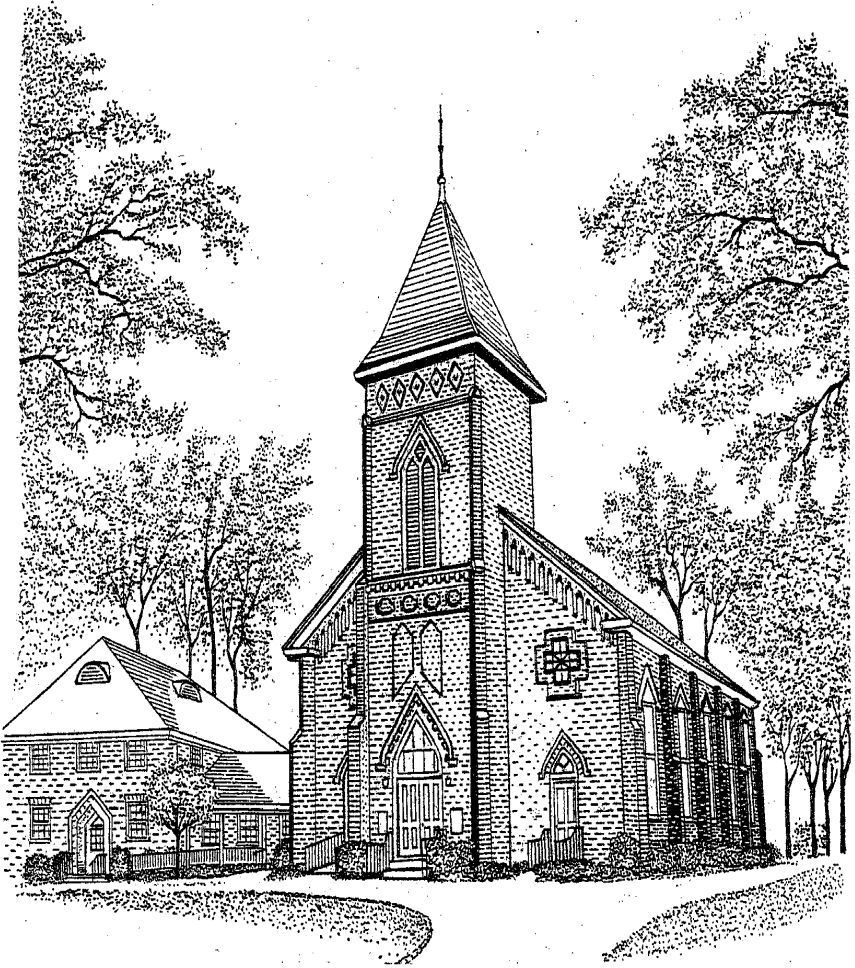
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