

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

The Children's Sabbath

October 21, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Jesus and the Children"

Lovelace

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the disciples tried to keep children from Jesus,

All: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!"

One: When the disciples wanted to send hungry people away, saying there were too many to feed,

All: Jesus commanded them to feed everyone, even the children!

One: When a parent whose child was in terrible trouble came to Jesus,

All: Jesus went to the home to help.

One: When a woman in poverty gave what she could,

All: Jesus honored her generosity.

One: We gather in the name of that Jesus who welcomed the children, fed hungry people, helped children in trouble, and recognized the gifts of those in poverty.

All: On this Children's Sabbath, let us follow him in word and in deed.

*HYMN #14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God of great and small, old and young, near and far, O God of all, we confess that our love is not like yours. In the face of injustice, we often feel helpless or hopeless. We give in to despair about ending poverty, stopping gun violence, or uniting families torn apart by forces more powerful than them. Help us to work for justice, especially to end poverty. Help us to love kindness, working especially to end violence. Help us to walk humbly with you, opening our arms to all children as did the one we follow and in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let those who have ears hear: God sent God's own child Jesus that we might know ourselves to be loved and forgiven children of God. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEMS "Preschool Favorites"

Thyatira's Younger Disciples

"One Big Great Hallelujah"

Thyatira's Young Disciples

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Bill Hall

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:15-5:10

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “With Justice and Compassion”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam”

Excell

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #378

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#486, v. 1)

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

*POSTLUDE “Onward Christian Soldiers”

Young

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

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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** – Millicent Hoffner **Next Sunday**–Debbie Edwards

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 – Lydia Richmond, Dana Milam

Next Sunday – Nora Dillinger, Linda Rogers

GENEROSITY UPDATE: So far in October we have reached 34% of our monthly goal. Thanks for helping us to share the Good News! Let’s make this a magnificent month!

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Bill Hall in memory Bill Sr. and Kathryn Hall. Today marks their 68th wedding anniversary.

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.

Carillon: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Mary Alice Calhoun following her death
- Communities affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- Amol and Cari (McCachren) 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 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

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.

BISCUITS & BOUTIQUES: Save the date, more details to follow: Join us for breakfast and shopping on Saturday, November 10. Men of the Church will prepare a biscuit breakfast and Women of the Church will have 15+ vendors onsite such as Mary Kay, Origami Owl, Thirty-One Gifts, Young Living, Close to My Heart, Color Street, Phased Boutique, Girl Scouts selling candy apples, and more!

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 (Fall Festival in Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
	7:45pm	Strategic Planning Steering Committee
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	9:00am	Smart Start Play Group
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels Youth Lock-in
Saturday	5:00pm	Halloween Trunk or Treat
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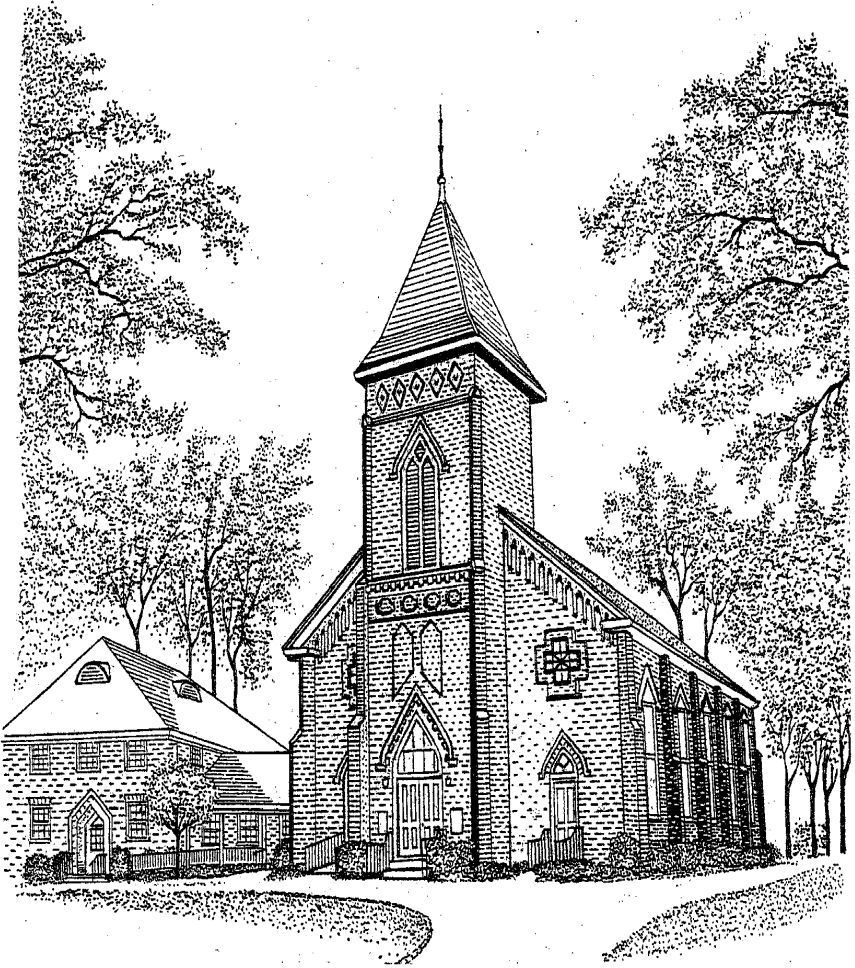
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WELCOME

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