

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Amazing Grace”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in awe,

**All: standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars,
the mountains, the seas.**

One: We gather in faith,

**All: trusting that the One who has held little children holds our
lives in the heart of God.**

One: We gather in need,

**All: seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and
every person in creation.**

One: We gather in worship,

All: praising the One who calls us to life and love.

* OPENING HYMN #395

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (*Silently and personally, and then in unison*)

**Patient God, surrounded by so many seductions, we find it
difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving
when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little
ones of the world. Our nation, our neighborhoods, our families,
and our hearts, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for
help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill
our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always
giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children,
and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant
to be.

**All: Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made
one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God,
we are forgiven. Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

ANTHEM “Grace Like Rain”

Agnew

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “A Tale of Two Meals”

Stacey Steck

*HYMN #530

“One Bread, One Body”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*concl. with the Lord’s Prayer*)

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

OUR OFFERING

Offertory “Pass It On”

Hayes

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

*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 “Fanfare and Trumpet Tune”

Jordan

*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: **November Team** – Melissa Waller (Captain), Aaron Richmond, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam, Randall Patterson

LITURGIST: **This Sunday** – Flora Calderón-Steck

Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz

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 – Karen Townsend, Michelle Patterson

Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards, Janet Lambert

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of October, we reached 87% 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

- Fred Stamper under hospice care at home following congestive heart failure
- Martha Simerson's grandson, recovering following a car accident
- Jewell Shoaf, in rehab after surgery
- 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 Karkker, 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
- 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:

Nov 03 Donna Rowland

Nov 06 Greg Hager, Luke Waller

Nov 08 Kira Wetmore

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

ADA JO SLOOP SHARES HER STORY: Next Sunday during worship Ada Jo Sloop will share her experience with the Peace Corps in Uganda. You will not want to miss this!

GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: The upcoming holidays can be tough for those who have lost a loved one, but there's help! Thyatira's GriefShare support group ministry presents a special two-hour seminar that offers support and suggestions to make it through the holidays. Please share the word about this important event that takes place on Sunday, November 17 beginning at 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Stacey at 704-245-8100.

WRBTA FUNDRAISER: West Rowan Bible Teaching Association is selling sweet potatoes, 10lbs for \$10. Pay when you pick-up. Text orders to 704-640-2455, orders due by Monday, November 18 and pickup Thursday, November 21 4:00pm-5:30pm at West Rowan High School Ag Building. You may also give a \$10 donation to have a box of sweet potatoes delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries. All proceeds will go to WRBTA.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:00am	Deacon Meeting
	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 with Communion
	4:00pm	GriefShare (Parlor)
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	6:30pm	Confirmation Class (Parlor)
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	Election Day – Preschool Closed	
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
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	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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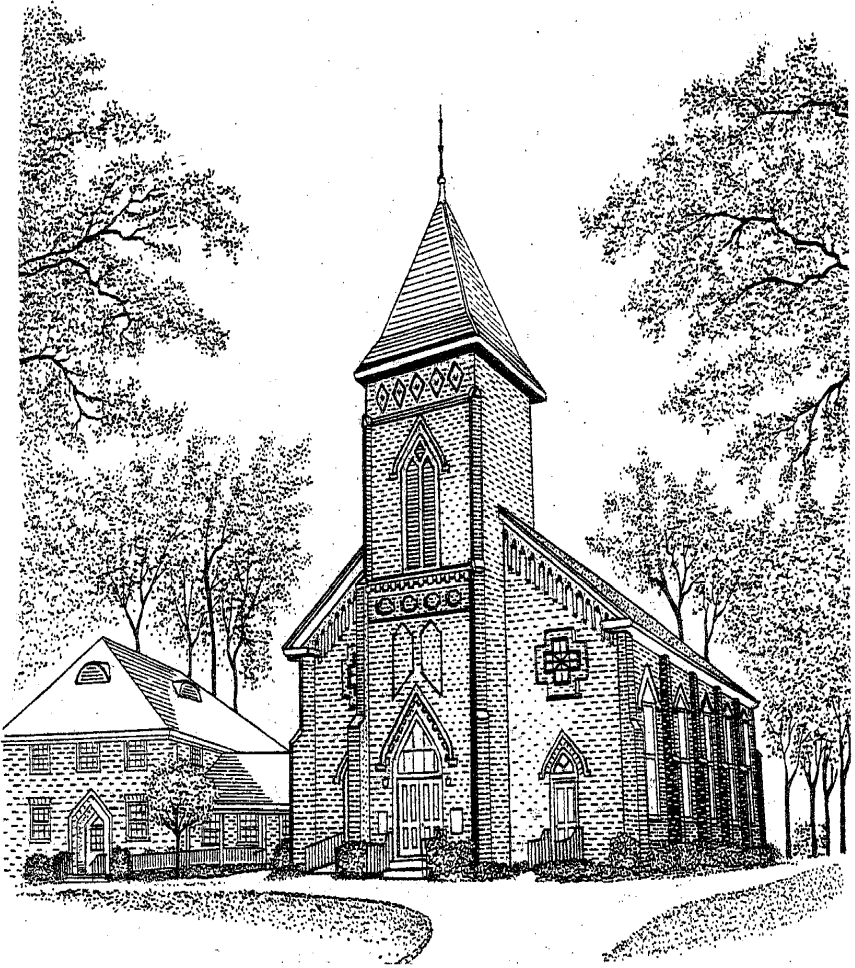
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