

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Thanks Be To Thee" Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING SONG "Change My Heart, O God" #695

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

*You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

**All: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

One: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

**All: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.**

One: We come to you, O God, to fill us anew with your Holy Spirit.

**All: We come to you, O God, ready to receive it.**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: Let us worship God indeed!**

\* HYMN #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things, in our homes and in our world. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and love neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

FIRST LESSON Joshua 3:3-17

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 23:1-12

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Dunstan

SERMON "Just Dip Your Toes In" Stacey Steck

\* HYMN #500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Come, The Thankful People, Come" Gehrke

\* Doxology:

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise him above, ye heavenly host;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\* Prayer

\* HYMN #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

\* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response #318, vs. 1

***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 "All Glory Be To God On High" Pachelbel

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

**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.

**LITURGIST:** Today – Bill Hall  
Next Week – Phares Sechler

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Nora Dellinger, Klancy Deal

Next Sunday – Linda Rogers, Ben Watts

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** We surpassed our October monthly goal coming in at 111% of our anticipated giving. Thyatira wouldn't be all it is and able to help so many without your support. Thank you!

**PASTOR STACEY** will be on vacation until November 17. Please contact the Church office or any member of the Session if you have any pastoral need.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal

- Frank Fuller and family, as Frank draws nearer to entering the Church Triumphant
- Monique's family, following the death of her mother
- Carol King
- Paul Roger's grandson in Pakistan, being treated for malaria
- Ronney Steele in rehab recovering from bronchitis
- Bob Freeman's cousin Frank, recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Tom Long, friend of Charles Newsome, receiving treatment for cancer
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- Bill Hall, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Families facing challenges
- Mary Deal's sister, Margaret, being treated for an infection
- Betty Morgan, sister of Ruth Albright, recovering after serious car accident
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Jay Foster, a nine-year-old with heart issues
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Millard Goodnight, undergoing cancer treatment
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Africa

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**BIRTHDAYS:** November 6 – Greg Hager, Luke Waller  
8 – Kira Wetmore  
11 – Stacey Steck

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:** Saturday, November 11 the Community Breakfast will be held from 6:30am-9:30am. Adults \$6, Children under 10 \$3 for all you can eat! Eggs, Sausage, Country Ham, Biscuits, Gravy, Grits, Coffee, Juice, Milk, & Chocolate Milk are all on the menu. Hope to see you there!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a brief Congregational Meeting immediately following the service today for the purpose of electing officers for the Class of 2020.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The November finance meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 9 at 7:00pm.

**CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF:** The chili & soup cook-off will be held Sunday, November 19th right after worship. There will be first, second, and third place prizes. We will have independent judges in search of the top recipe. Bring your recipe on an index card (in case there is someone with a food allergy) or in case someone wants to make your recipe at home. Happy cooking!

**GIFT GIVING PROJECT:** Greetings! For our church wide gift giving project this year, we have been challenged to fulfill needs through the PCUSA gift catalog. This endeavor seeks to meet the needs of both National and International communities. Be on the lookout from the Lost Sheep Sunday School over the next few weeks for more information!

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:** The Health Cabinet and everyone at Thyatira thank the Men of the Church, Women of the Church, and an anonymous donor for their generosity. The new AED has been fully funded. Thank you to Paul Gaylor for hanging the AED by the office.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship / Communion
	12:00pm	Congregational Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:00pm	Finance Committee
Saturday	6:30am	Community Breakfast
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