

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Now Thank We All”

Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us give thanks to God!

All: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak, and hears the prayers of the forgotten.

One: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

All: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

All: We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.

One: Come, let us give thanks to God and worship our Lord.

*HYMN #336

“We Gather Together”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We have to admit, Holy God, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair. Forgive us, our Redeemer. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, lost, and crying out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

All: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #652

“A Grateful Heart”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM “Autumn Carol”

Schulz-Widmar

A MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE

Janet Lambert

FIRST LESSON

Samuel 1:1-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “More Than Meets the Eye”

Stacey Steck

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. **Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ. Amen.**

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Give Thanks”

Doran

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*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

“We Gather Together”

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

LITURGIST: **Today** – Millicent Hoffner

Next Sunday – Flora Calderón-Steck

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 – Ben Watts, Michelle Patterson

Next Sunday – Alice Sloop, Robin Luther

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Through the second week in November we have reached 33% of our monthly goal. Your generous gifts help us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County!

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

- Tyler Bell & Leah Bowers welcomed a daughter, Skylar Grace November 13, granddaughter of Eddie & Selena Bell
- The family of Drema Clemens following the recent death of her brother, Harry Wood
- The family of Mary Alice Calhoun following her death
- Communities affected by California fires, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- 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: Nov 22 John Corriher
Adam Swanson
Nov 24 Adaline Moore

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP

TODAY: Please plan to stay for a brief congregational meeting to elect new deacons and elders for the class of 2021.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: Please share the word in our community about a special event we are pleased to offer for those who will find the upcoming holiday season stressful or challenging because they are facing it following the loss of a loved one. **Surviving the Holidays** will take place this afternoon, November 18 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and is free of charge. Childcare will be available.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT: Bring a bagged lunch and join us for Advent decoration after church on Sunday, November 25.

WOC COOKIE EXCHANGE: The date for the Women of the Church cookie exchange has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 9 at 2:00pm. Linda Rogers will be hosting the event at her home, 3720 Millbridge Road. Bring at least 1 dozen cookies to share. Please come and join in the fun.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:15am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:30am	The Happy Place
	9:45am	Children's Preschool Choir
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	3:00pm	Surviving the Holidays Seminar
	6:00pm	Thanksgiving Community Worship at Prospect Presbyterian Church
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! – Office Closed	
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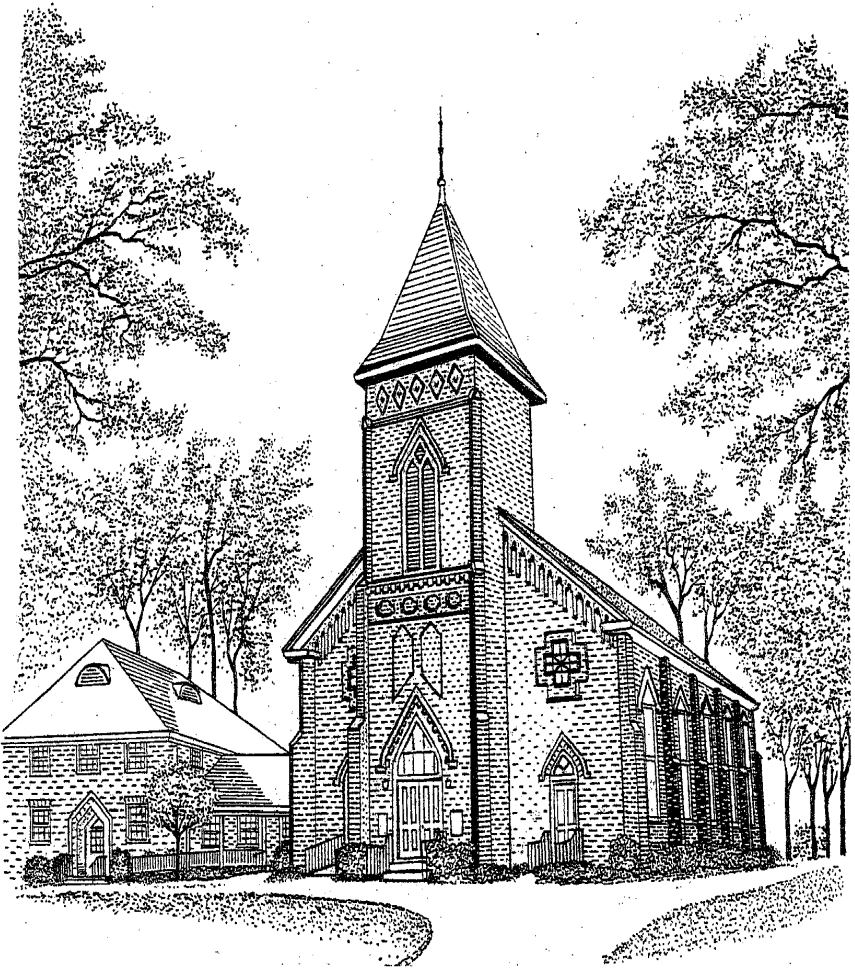
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WELCOME

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