

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * OPENING SONG "I Love You, Lord" #627
*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. (x2)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Before there was any time,

All: There was God.

One: When we wandered the wilderness,

All: God built a way for us.

One: When we lived in exile,

All: Our homes were built by God.

One: When we are overwhelmed by life,

All: God unknots the tightness in our shoulders.

One: When we seek to serve faithfully,

All: God provides the opportunities.

One: When tomorrow comes,

All: We find God awake and waiting for us.

One: When time ends,

All: There will still be God. Let us worship our God.

- * HYMN #666 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you offer us guidance, yet we grasp the hand of the world on our journey. You would nurture us with love and grace, and we feast on the empty calories of success and seduction. You call us to be your faithful people, and we are eager to follow the politicians, the promoters, the petty. Forgive us, Covenant God. You have not forgotten your promises, nor will you break them. Rather, you come to us so we will know your love. You walk with us, so we will find the way. You redeem us, so we will trust your words which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In every time, in every place, in every life, God shows compassion and mercy. Thus, we know God has heard our prayers and has filled us with grace and hope.

All: In this time, in this place, in our lives, our grace and hope are sustained by this abiding love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

- * HYMN #137 "He Came Down"

FIRST LESSON (*Read responsively*)

Psalm 67

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "There's Within My Heart A Melody" Bridgers

SERMON "Do Better Yet Be" Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Give Thanks" Doran

* 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 #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

* 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 "We Gather Together" Fisk

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.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 – Melissa Kluttz
Next Week – Leigh Anne Wetmore

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 – Ashley Wilkie, Flora Calderón-Steck

Next Sunday – Carly Moore, Michelle Patterson

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After two weeks in November we have reached 37% of our monthly goal.

THIS MORNING we are collecting a special offering for the Children's Hope Alliance. Thank you for your donations.

CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF: The chili & soup cook-off will be held right after worship today in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! We will have independent judges in search of the top recipe. There will be prizes awarded for first, second, and third place winners. Thanks to all who brought their chili, soup, and desserts!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<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

- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues
- Thelma Walton in rehab at Liberty Commons
- The family of former West High School Coach Scott Young, who died this week
- Phares Sechler, recovering from surgery on her hand
- Barbara, in rehab at a nursing facility
- Frank Fuller's family, following his death on November 6
- Monique's family, following the death of her mother
- Carol King
- Paul Roger's grandson in Pakistan, being treated for malaria
- 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
- 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 22 – Adam Swanson, John Corriher
24 – Adaline Moore

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 22 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary as we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. We'll be reading the expressions of gratitude we've offered over the last several weeks.

ROWAN HLEPING MINISTRIES-WEST thanks Thyatira for the recent donation of 108 pounds of canned goods.

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!

BATTERY RECYCLING: You may bring used household batteries to the church office to be recycled. Please place batteries in the basket labeled for battery recycling. (Single use alkaline, lithium, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, and small sealed lead acid batteries only.)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Chili & Soup Cook-Off
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
	6:30pm	Men's Bible Study
	7:30pm	C2C Meeting
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Service
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
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