

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Brahms

\*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

One: What is the sign that we see?

**All: “The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”**

One: What will all this mean?

**All: That the Son of Man is coming with great power and glory, to shine light in the darkness and to redeem his people. (*The first candle is lit*)**

One: In hope of our redemption, let us worship God.

\*HYMN #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth,**

**long ago your prophets told of your promises –  
promises of restoration and salvation.**

**We confess that we have not believed your promise,  
that we have preferred brokenness to restoration,  
and have lingered with dis-ease rather than welcome salvation.**

**We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo,  
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change.**

**Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your promise,  
and live into that joy. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the Good News: God's promises have been fulfilled. We have received restoration and salvation.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we may live into the joy of the Lord!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #83

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Creator of the Stars at Night”

Traditional

SERMON “O Come, Emmanuel”

Stacey Steck

\*HYMN #92 “While We Are Waiting, Come”

\*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: “Still, Still, Still”

Manz

\* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

\* Prayer

\*HYMN #100 “My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout”

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#92, v. 1)

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.**

**Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

\*POSTLUDE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Page

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from holdfasttowhatisgood.com.

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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: **December Team** – Ben Watts, Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Jada Ware-Guy

LITURGIST: **Today** – Debbie Edwards **Next Sunday** – Phares Sechler

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, Karen Townsend

**Next Sunday** – Janet Lambert, Debbie Edwards

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of November we reached 77% 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

- Brian Waller recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ted Deal
- The family of Drema Clemens following the recent death of her brother, Harry Wood
- 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
- 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:** Dec 2 Richard Luther  
Dec 3 David Kern  
Dec 4 Rachel Moss  
Dec 6 Ronald Goodnight, Tommy Ingram,  
Matt Moore

**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.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** Join us on Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 as we worship bringing light to the longest day of the year, and hope to those who find this season a challenge.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacon's 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 with Communion
	4:00pm	Officer Training
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	Monday	8:15am
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Security Task Force Meeting
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song, and Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	9:00am	Preschool Christmas Program
	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	5:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Book Club Meets at Morgan Ridge Rail Walk Brewery & Eatery
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:00am	Youth Service - meet in Fellowship Hall
	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 – Joy Gift Program
2:00pm	WOC – Cookie Exchange hosted by Linda Rogers	
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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Organist . . . . . Ron Mercer

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Beth Bates  
Janet Lambert  
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Keith Vaughan

#### Class of 2019

David Hall  
Norma Lauder  
Eric Rouse  
Juanita Turner

#### Class of 2020

Robin Luther  
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Ted Fuller  
Paul Gaylor  
Ryan Sloop

#### Class of 2019

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Jada Ware-Guy  
Daniel Milam  
Aaron Richmond  
Steven Wetmore

#### Class of 2020

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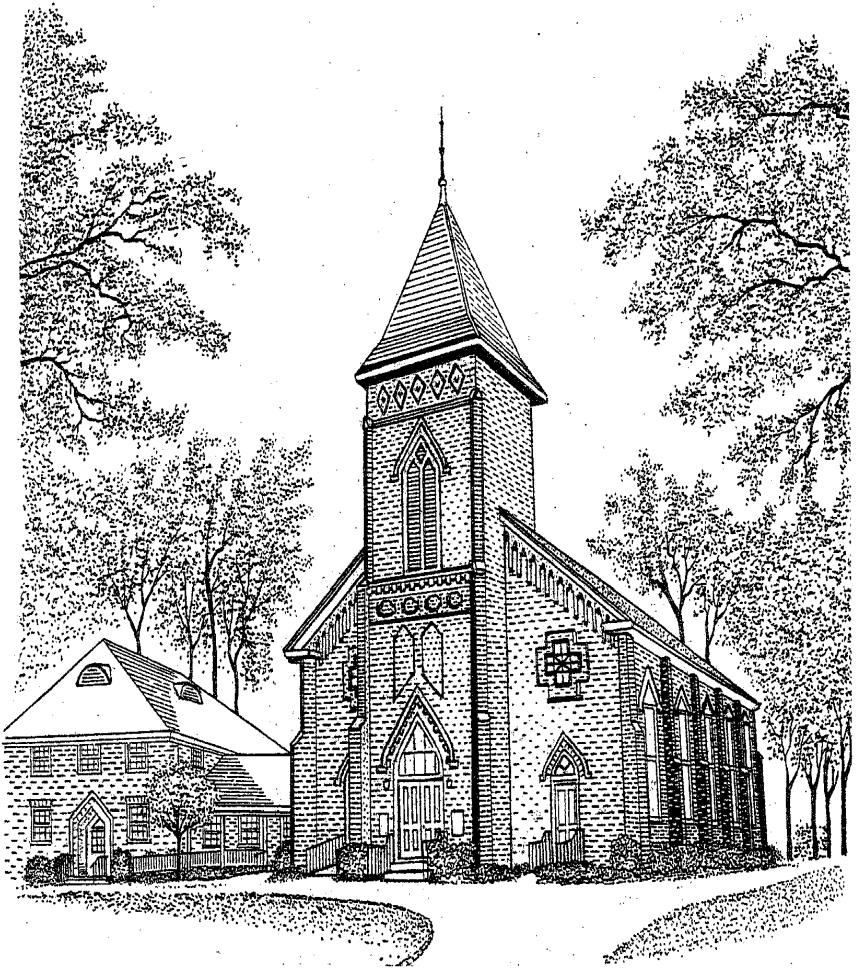
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