

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

CAROL PRELUDE

arr. Hopson

\*LIGHTING THE SECOND AND THIRD ADVENT CANDLES

One: What are the signs that we see?

**All: “Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be laid low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.”**

One: What will all this mean?

**All: That the Messiah is coming, and we are to prepare his way and light his path.**

One: What other sign do we see?

**All: That the oppressed hear good news, and the broken-hearted are comforted; that the captives and prisoners are released, and those who mourn receive the oil of gladness.**

One: What will all this mean?

**All: When the Messiah comes, all that is wrong will be made right, and His light will shine with healing.**

**(The first, second, and third candles are lit)**

One: Let us worship God who calls us to do great things.

\*HYMN #97

“Watchman Tell Us of the Night!”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful!”

A BIDDING PRAYER (*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*)

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Hopson

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

First Carol (Choir)

“God Walked in Eden’s Garden”

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Second Carol (All)

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Third Carol (Choir)

“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Fourth Carol (Choir)

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Bloming”

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Fifth Carol (Choir)

“There Is No Rose”

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Sixth Carol (All)

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Seventh Carol (Choir, 1-2, All, 3) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Eighth Lesson  
Eighth Carol (Choir)

Matthew 2:1-11  
“From a Distant Home”

Ninth Lesson  
Ninth Carol (All)

John 1:1-14  
“Joy to the World”

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “How Great Our Joy”  
\* Doxology  
\* Prayer

Pethel  
Hymnal, #606

\*HYMN #159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

\*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 “It Came upon a Midnight Clear”

Young

\*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** – Flora Calderón-Steck  
**Next Sunday** – Bill Hall

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** – Carly Moore, Melissa Waller

**Next Sunday** – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Selena Bell

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Through the first two weeks in December, we reached 14% 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

- Family of Carol King following her death
- 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 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
- 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 17 Georgia McCorkle  
Dec 19 Paul Rogers, Tom Turner  
Dec 20 Mandy Bates  
Dec 22 Cari McCachren Shah, Robert Wilkie

**BIG MUSIC SUNDAY:** Our Choir leads us in a Service of Lessons and Carols today. The Youth will host a fundraiser lunch for us afterward.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** Join us this evening, Sunday, December 16 at 4:30pm as we worship bringing light to the longest day of the year, and hope to those who find this season a challenge. Our brothers and sisters from Concordia Lutheran Church will be joining us.

**JOY GIFT PROGRAM:** Due to the snow storm last week, the Joy Gift Program has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 23. Parents, please stay tuned for updates on rehearsals.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Join us on Monday, December 24 at 5:30pm for a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the hallway outside the church office.

**CAREWARE:** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall starting Tuesday, January 8 and then every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month after that until further notice. Please stop by any time between 10am-4pm during these work days. If you have any questions, please speak to Alice Sloop.

### **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 – Big Music Sunday
	12:00pm	Lunch Fundraiser hosted by Youth
	4:30pm	Longest Night Service
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts – Christmas Party
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:00pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song, and Study
Thursday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	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
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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### STAFF

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Office Manager . . . . . Sharon Gantkowski  
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Director of Music . . . . . Angela Moore  
Organist . . . . . Ron Mercer

### THE SESSION

Moderator . . . . . The Rev. Stacey Steck  
Clerk of Session. . . . . Janet Lambert

#### Class of 2018

Beth Bates  
Janet Lambert  
Sandra Swanson  
Keith Vaughan

#### Class of 2019

David Hall  
Norma Lauder  
Eric Rouse  
Juanita Turner

#### Class of 2020

Robin Luther  
Doug Patterson  
Phares Sechler  
Brian Waller

Elder Emeriti. . . . . Jim Albright, Charles Newsome

### THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. . . . . Paul Gaylor

#### Class of 2018

Eddie Bell  
Mike Connolly  
Ted Fuller  
Paul Gaylor  
Ryan Sloop

#### Class of 2019

Jeremy Deal  
Jada Ware-Guy  
Daniel Milam  
Aaron Richmond  
Steven Wetmore

#### Class of 2020

Mike Hawkins  
Randall Patterson  
Paul Rogers  
AJ Waller  
Ben Watts

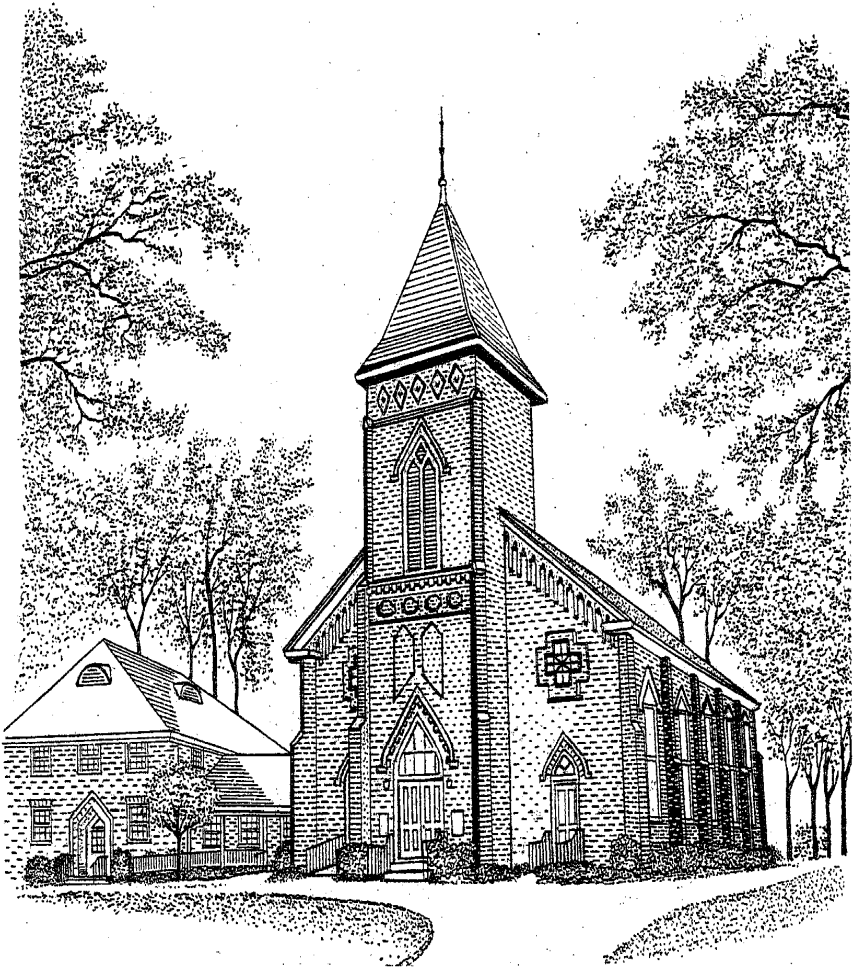
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