

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

First Sunday After Christmas

December 30, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Jesu, Word Of God Incarnate”

Mozart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We look around and see how we have been blessed –

**All: Blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship,  
with faith.**

One: That goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts  
with thanks.

**All: In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.**

One: So let us worship God.

\*HYMN #143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory!”

\*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**How patient you are with us, Loving Creator, and how hard we find it to put up with the foolishness of others. In humility, you became one of us, and we keep wanting everything to be about us. You model a life of meekness in service to others, and we are convinced life is all about power and success. All creation sings of your kindness, while we hurl angry words at those we say we care about the most. Yet, rather than becoming frustrated with us, you continue to forgive us. Clothe us with your love, we pray, so we might be more compassionate towards others. Touch us with your grace, so we might become more gentle people. Fill us with that peace which longs to reside in our hearts, even as we seek to continue our journey with the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In these moments, let God’s peace dwell in your hearts. For God gives us hope, gives us peace, and gives us new life in the forgiveness of God’s grace.

**All: We will be thankful, for in receiving God’s forgiveness, we are enabled to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN #145

“What Child Is This”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Mary’s Boy Child” Belafonte  
Charles and Alice Sloop, vocalists

SERMON “Where *Must* You Be?” Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Do You Hear What I Hear” Regney & Shayne  
\* Doxology Hymnal, #606  
\* Prayer

\*HYMN #136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#133, v. 1, refrain) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
**O come let us adore him; O come let us adore him**  
**O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

\*\*POSTLUDE “Organ Medley”

*\*\*You are kindly requested to remain seated during the Postlude.*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from [holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://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 (captain), Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Jada Ware-Guy

**Upcoming January Team** – Mike Hawkins (captain), Bill Bergstrom, Jeremy Deal, Steven Wetmore

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** – Jada Ware-Guy, Flora Calderón-Steck

**Next Sunday** – Jessica Swanson, Melissa Kluttz

GENEROSITY UPDATE: With one week left in December, we reached 61% 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

- Joy Steele, recovering from surgery
- Joel Wilkie, hospitalized
- Norma Lauder, facing health challenges
- Family of Carol Graham following her death
- Brian Waller recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ted Deal
- 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 31 Sandra Swanson, Bill Hall, Jr.  
Jan 01 Janet Lambert  
Jan 02 Carly Moore, Josh Daniels

**GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP:** GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. The next thirteen week cycle begins Sunday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m. To register, or for more information, please contact Pastor Stacey at 704-636-1595.

**CHILD SAFETY LUNCH AND LEARN:** On Sunday, January 13, at a Lunch and Learn following worship, we will be hosting Beth McKeithen, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Rowan, who will help us understand what child abuse is, how to spot it, and how to respond to it. This event will be free of charge and childcare will be available. RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 9.

**MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST AT DINNERTIME:** All men of the church are invited to a time of food and fellowship on Wednesday evening, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy our traditional breakfast food and make plans for the coming year.

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

**CAREWEAR:** 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	9:30am	The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Tuesday		Office Closed
Wednesday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song, & Study
Thursday	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

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## STAFF AND OFFICERS

### STAFF

Pastor . . . . . The Rev. Stacey Steck  
Faith Community Nurse . . . . . Nora Patterson, RN, FCN  
Faith Community Health Promoter. . . . . Georgia McCorkle  
Office Manager . . . . . Sharon Gantkowski  
Treasurer. . . . . Doug Patterson  
Assistant Treasurer. . . . . Keith Vaughan  
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

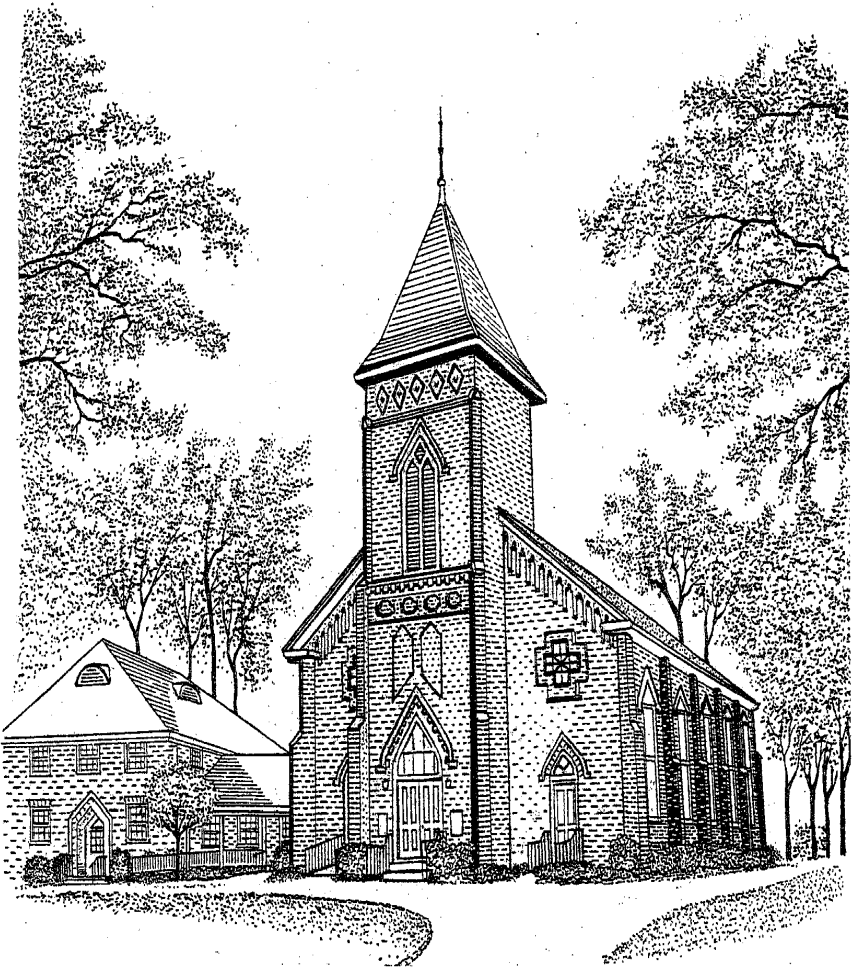
### CONTACT PERSONS

Thyatira Memorial Association President. . . . . Ed Hall  
Church School Superintendent . . . . . Jimmy Hoffner  
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Girl Scouts. . . . . Jada Ware-Guy

# WELCOME

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