

SHARING THE BLESSING OF GOD’S LOVE

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15th, 2023

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is good!

All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

*OPENING HYMN #363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silently and then in unison*)

Millicent Hoffner & Katelynn McKnight

Holy God, we lose trust in you because we forget your faithfulness.

We lose trust in you when we don’t receive immediate answers to

our prayers. We break trust with you when we worship false gods.

Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to reconcile us with God.

All: **We are forgiven and freed!**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#649 (v. 1)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

“Un Sospiro (A sigh)”

Franz Liszt

MOMENT FOR BLESSINGS

*HYMN #852

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 90:1-6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

“Wedding Invites”

The Rev. David Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

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

OUR OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer

*HYMN #353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

#649 (v. 5)

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

* POSTLUDE

**Those that are able please stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 the office at 704-636-1595.

HEALTH UPDATE: We will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available. We encourage everyone to avoid close contact if you have any symptoms of an infectious disease and to stay home if you know you are ill. Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and desire to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 25:35-40).

GREETER: Today – Need a Volunteer Next Sunday – Need a Volunteer

LITURGIST: Today – Millicent Hoffner & Katelynn McKnight

Next Sunday – Bonita Smith

NURSERY NEWS: If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet that is available on the table across from the Church Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carly Moore.

SUNDAY USHERS: For the month of October, our ushering duties will be handled by the Diaconate Class of 2024, Mike Corriher, Ted Fuller, Darrin Paschal, John Sloan, and Alice Sloop.

GENEROSITY UPDATE: So far for the month of October, we have received 38% of giving to cover budgeted expenses. Your generous gifts make it possible for us to spread the blessings of God’s love.

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 – Need a Volunteer

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LYBIA AND MORROCO DISASTER RELIEF: Contributions can be made through the denomination to assist victims of the Morocco earthquake and Libyan flooding. See <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR999999/>

HAWAII DISASTER RELIEF: Contributions can be made through the denomination. See <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000165/>

HELPING UKRAINE: Contributions can be made through the denomination. See <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

POOR MAN’S DINNER ANNOUNCE: Tomorrow from 4pm-7pm. WOC are asking for assistance with corn bread squares/muffins and single serve desserts (sign-up sheet available in the hallway by the Church Office). Please drop those items pre-packaged items off on Sunday, October 15th before or after worship. There is also sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with on preparations today and during the supper.

HELP MAKE THE FALL FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS! You can sign up to make a cake for the cake walk, sign up to make your car into a Trunk-or-Treat vehicle, or donate candy (individually wrapped pieces please). And everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. Invite some friends, too!

MEAL TRAIN: We have set up a meal train for Norma Lauder and the family. Norma is undergoing chemotherapy. Please use the following link to see available dates: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1e017w>

YARD SALE UPDATE: The total of our proceeds for the Yard Sale hosted by the Women of the Church on September 30th were \$1852.

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers the Session, Deacons, and Staff of the Church, as well as all who faithfully serve one another and our community through the ministries of the church. Please find other concerns on an insert.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN: If you, a family member, or friend would like to be added to our Phone Prayer Chain, please contact our Office Manager at 704-636-1595 or by email; office@thyatirapresbyterian.org. Thyatira’s Phone Prayer Chain is different from being added to our electronic newsletter, mailed newsletter, and bulletin, and your concern is prayed for confidentially by a small group.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

October 15 James Reber
Jennifer Rouse
16 Laurel Harcum
17 Doug Patterson
Brittany Thompson
19 Michael Connolly
Christian Kluttz
21 Cara Blake Cruz
Candace McKnight

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANT TO JOIN THE BELL CHOIR? Neil would like to restart the bell choir! Practices will be on alternating Sundays after worship. Please sign up on the sheet by the table outside the office.

URGENT NEED AT ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST:

Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Beans (dried or canned), Granola Bars/Protein Bars, Saltine Crackers, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Instant Potatoes, Pasta, Canned Fruit, Canned Tomato Products (sauce, pated, and diced), Salad Dressing, and Vegetables.

SUNDAY MORNING SIGN-UP: We now have a sign-up sheet located on the table outside the church office. If you would like to get involved in our Sunday activities, liturgist, greeter, or nursery attendant, please sign-up. Thank you!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS SUGGESTIONS FOR PNC:

Nominating has begun working on a slate for our Pastor Nominating Committee. If you have suggestions, please give those to Jimmy Hoffner or Leigh Anne Wetmore.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	Children's Choir (Grades 1+)
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Pre-K & K)
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship (The Rev. David Smith)
Monday	November Newsletter Deadline	
	9:00am-2:00pm	Remote Office Hours
	8:15-11:15am	Preschool
	4:00pm-7:00pm	Poor Man's Supper
	6:00pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	9:00am-2:00pm	Office Hours
	8:15-11:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	9:00am-2:00pm	Remote Office Hours
	8:15-11:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	9:00am-2:00pm	Office Hours
	8:15-11:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	9:00am-2:00pm	Remote Office Hours
	8:15-11:15am	Preschool
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	9:30am	WOC Meeting
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Pastor Rev. David Smith
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Office Manager Joanna Latham
Treasurer..... Doug Patterson
Assistant Treasurer..... Keith Vaughan
Director of Music/Organist Neil Mitchell

THE SESSION

Moderator Rev. David Smith
Clerk of Session..... Janet Lambert

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Janet Lambert	Debbie Edwards	Bill Hall
Pam Orbison	Jimmy Hoffner	Ed Hall
Doug Patterson	Keith Vaughan	Nora Sloop
Brian Waller	Leigh Anne Wetmore	Candace McKnight
Elder Emeriti	Charles Newsome, Phares Sechler, Dot Luther, and Glenn McCorkle	

THE DIACONATE

Co-Chairs of the Diaconate..... A.J. Waller and Victoria Chrismon

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
A.J. Waller	Mike Corriher	Selena Bell
Victoria Chrismon	Ted Fuller	Greg Hagar
Anna Edwards	Darrin Paschal	Brandon Hoffner
Paul Rogers	John Sloan	Bradley McKnight
Bill Kluttz	Alice Sloop	Jessica Swanson

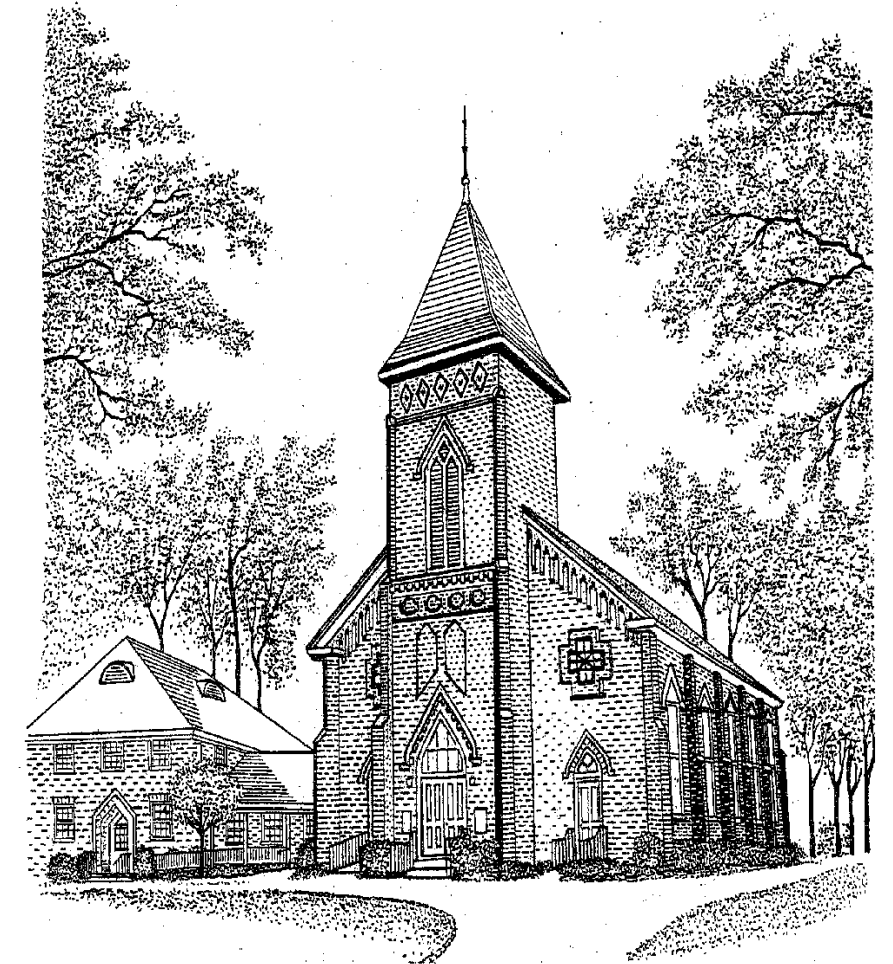
CONTACT PERSONS

Thyatira Memorial Association President..... Ryan Sloop
Church School Superintendent Jimmy Hoffner
Men of the Church President..... Brandon Hoffner
Presbyterian Women Moderator..... Melissa Kluttz
Boy Scouts..... Charles Batts

WELCOME

THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AT MILL BRIDGE

We will share the blessing of God's love with joyful hearts, praising voices, open arms, and serving hands.



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and Patient Endurance

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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