

SHARING THE BLESSING OF GOD'S LOVE  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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*) Bonita Smith

**Holy God, or trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by the forgetfulness of your faithfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by an answer to prayer not instantly given. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God.

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

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#486 (v. 1)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord"

Carly, Addy, & McGuire Moore,  
Cooper & Caroline Covington

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see insert)

Congregational Response

#486 (v. 2)

**Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR BLESSINGS

\*HYMN #486

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (v 3 & 4)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 96

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Labor of Love"

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 #711

"Lord of all Good, Our Gifts We Bring to You"

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

#610 (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.

**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Being baptized are Annelise Bryant Mooney and Owen Tate Mooney, daughter and son of Meagan and Dustin Mooney.

**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 – Bonita Smith      Next Sunday – Need a Volunteer

**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 51% 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.

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**ISRAEL/PALESTINE RELIEF:** Presbyterian Disaster Relief response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions including delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals wrestling with the emotional aftermath of the warfare. Contributions will likely be directed towards organizations in both Israeli and Palestinian territories. See <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000081/>

**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/>

**CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE:** November 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> our Church Office will be closed. If you need assistance, please email Joanna at [office@thyatirapresbyterian.org](mailto:office@thyatirapresbyterian.org).

November 22<sup>nd</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>, our Office Manager will be on vacation. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Pastor David at [pastor@thyatirapresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@thyatirapresbyterian.org).

**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/1eo17w>

**YARD SALE UPDATE:** The total of our proceeds for the Yard Sale hosted by the Women of the Church on September 30<sup>th</sup> was \$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](mailto: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 23 Norman Shaver  
24 Anna Edwards  
25 Lisa Armstrong  
Ada Jo Sloop  
26 Kristy Seaboch

**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	9:00am-2:00pm	Remote Office Hours
	8:15-11:15am	Preschool
	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
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Friday	9:00am-2:00pm	Remote Office Hours
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**STAFF AND OFFICERS**

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Pastor ..... Rev. David Smith  
Faith Community Nurse ..... Nora Patterson, RN, FCN  
Faith Community Health Promoter.....Georgia McCorkle  
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

<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>
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

<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>
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

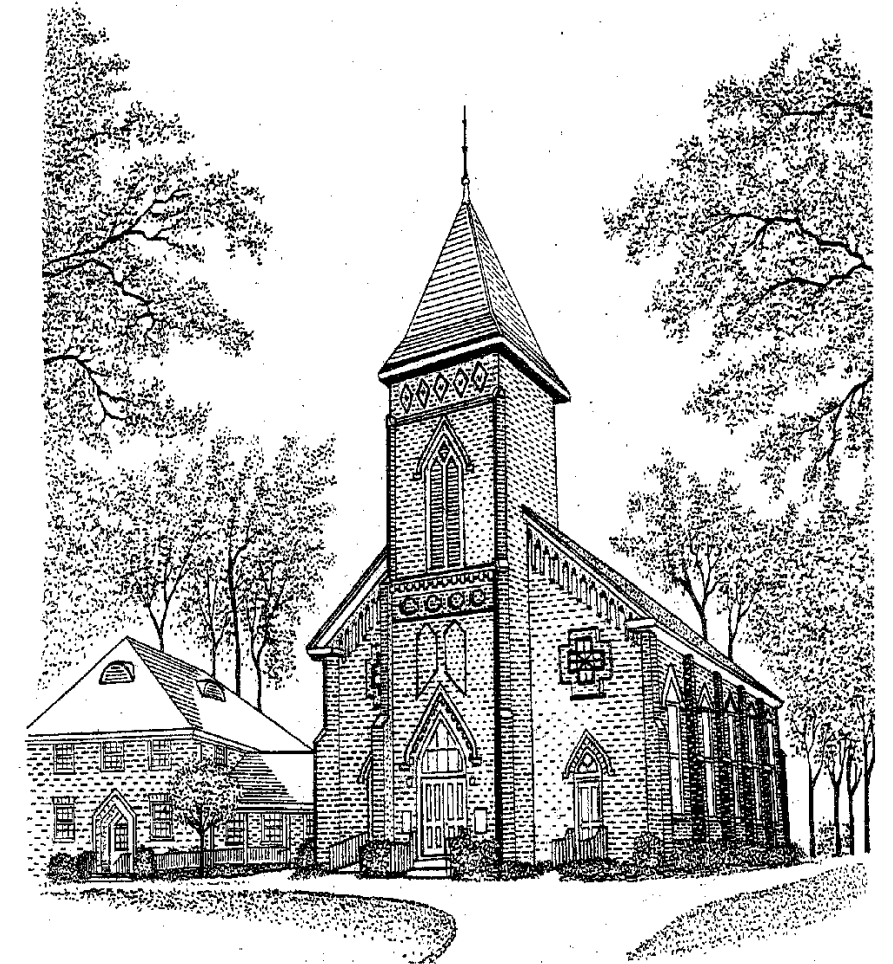
**CONTACT PERSONS**

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

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