

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8th, 2023

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens declare the glory of God! .

All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork

One: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound.

All: The night expounds God's knowledge without a word.

One: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

All: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

*OPENING HYMN #2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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

Melissa Kluttz

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing.

Righteousness comes from God, by faith.

All: Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#188 (v. 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

MOMENT FOR BLESSINGS

*HYMN #722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 15:11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

“Serving Hands”

The Rev. David Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

OUR OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer

*HYMN #757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

#188 (v. 2)

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,

Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

* 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 – Melissa Kluttz Next Sunday – Millicent Hoffner

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 % 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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Next Sunday – Need a Volunteer

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/>

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/>

CHURCH WORKDAY: The deacons are organizing a workday for this Saturday, October 14 beginning at 8 am. There are work items at the manse and on the church campus including cleanup around the old Scout building, landscaping at the manse, and building a walkway at the manse garage side door. Please support our deacons in their efforts to care for our property.

POOR MAN'S DINNER ANNOUNCE: Monday, October 16th 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 on Sunday, October 15th and during the supper on Monday, October 16th.

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!

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 9 Debbie Edwards
 Tom Hall
11 Jada Ware-Guy
12 Grady King
13 Jonathan Graham
 Jaymes Graham
14 Catherine Wolfingbarger

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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>

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:
Sugar, mayonnaise, grits, cereal, tomato soup, canned great northern beans, canned pork & bean, canned ham/spam, canned beef stew, pancake syrup, cooking oil, detergent laundry, and dishwashing liquid.

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	8:30am	Session Meeting
	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
	Closed	Preschool-Fall Break
Tuesday	9:00am-2:00pm	Office Hours
	Closed	Preschool-Fall Break
Wednesday	9:00am-2:00pm	Remote Office Hours
	Closed	Preschool-Fall Break/Teacher Workday
	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	8:00am	Church Clean-up Day
Sunday	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)

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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
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Anna Edwards	Darrin Paschal	Brandon Hoffner
Paul Rogers	John Sloan	Bradley McKnight
Bill Kluttz	Alice Sloop	Jessica Swanson

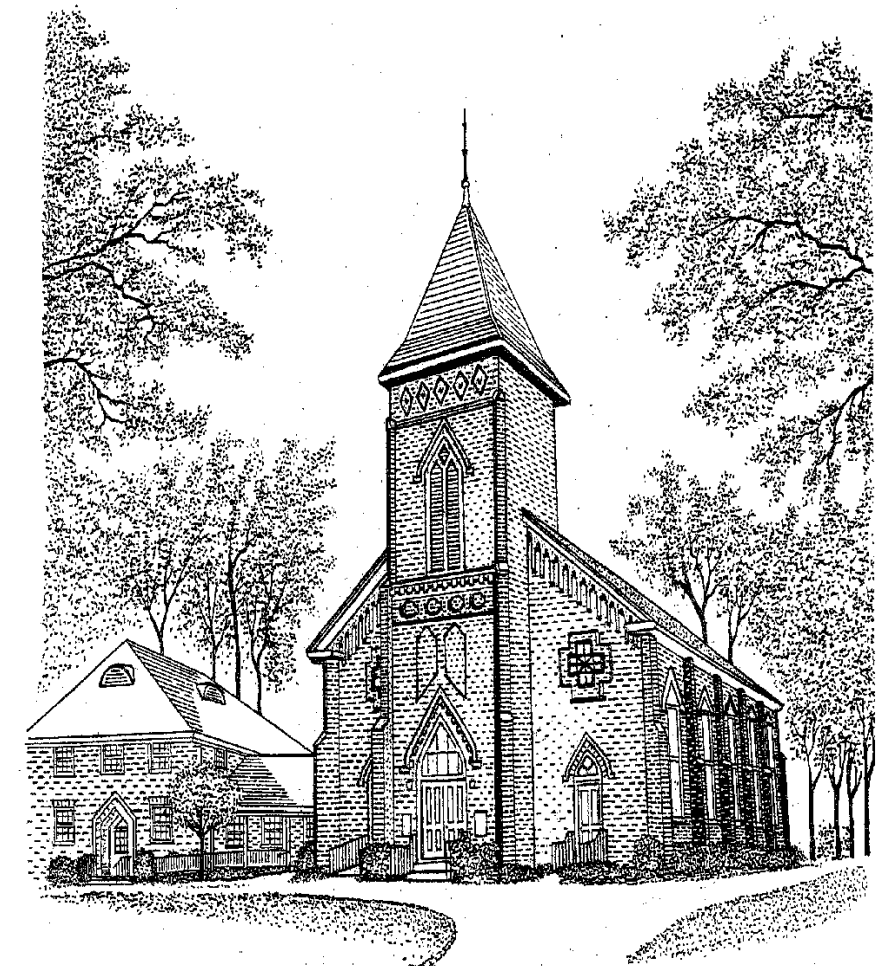
CONTACT PERSONS

Thyatira Memorial Association President..... Ryan Sloop
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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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A Living Legacy of Love, Faith, Service,
and Patient Endurance

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