

# SHARING THE BLESSING OF GOD’S LOVE

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

CALL TO REVERENCE

*The ringing bell calls us to prepare our hearts*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, listen: the Lord has done marvelous things.

**All: Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live in hope.**

\*OPENING HYMN #362

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Millicent Hoffner

One: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

Let us first pray in silence. . . . Let us pray together

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

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**All: We believe the gospel! We are forgiven.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

One: I invite you to share the peace of Christ with one another.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#611 (v. 1)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**

**Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

MOMENT FOR BLESSINGS

\*HYMN #714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 78:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON

“Oil for Our Lamps”

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 #350

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

\*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response

#611 (v. 3)

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began,**

**Love divine is reigning o’ver us, joining all in heaven’s plan.**

**Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.**

**Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*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 – Brian Waller                      Next Sunday – Need a Volunteer

**LITURGIST:** Today – Millicent Hoffner    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 November, our ushering duties will be handled by the Diaconate Class of 2025, Selena Bell, Greg Hagar, Brandon Hoffner, Bradley McKnight, & Jessica Swanson.

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** So far for the month of November, we have received 19% 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. 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/>

**WRHS STUDENT FOOD PANTRY:** The WRHS Student Food Pantry is low. Each week students who need extra food on the weekend get to pick up a weekend bag. Sarah Waller would like to help the school by collecting items for the month of November. If you are able, please place these items in the box labeled WRHS Pantry outside the church office. If you have any questions text Sarah at 704-267-7786. Thank you! Items that are needed are: Granola bars, Pop tarts, Soup cups, Mac n cheese cups, Little Debbie type snacks, Fruit/pudding cups, and Grits/oatmeal. Leave on the pew across from the office in the marked space.

## 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:

November 13 Skylar Grace Bell  
14 Claudia Patterson  
Victoria Patterson  
15 Miranda Belk  
16 Michael Fuller  
17 Elijah Daniels

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE:** 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).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!** Session has called for a congregational meeting following worship to hear a report of the Nominating Committee. They will present the Pastor Nominating Committee slate: Darrin Paschal, Millicent Hoffner, Victoria Chrismon, Jeremy Deal, Debbie Edwards, and Brian Waller.

**URGENT NEED AT ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES WEST:** Peanut butter, Jelly, Mayonnaise, Cereal, Raman Noodles, and canned fruit. Leave on the pew across from the office in the marked space.

**SUNDAY MORNING SIGN-UP:** We now have a sign-up sheet located on the table outside the church office. Sunday activities, liturgist, greeter, or nursery attendant.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING OFFICER SUGGESTIONS:** Nominating is working to find elders, deacons, and nominating committee members for 2024. If you have suggestions, please give those to Jimmy Hoffner or Leigh Anne Wetmore.

**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>

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:15am	Children's Choir (Grades 1+)
	9:45am	Children's Choir (Kindergarten)
	10:00am	Sunday School & Children's Choir (Ages 2-3)
	11:00am	Worship (The Rev. David Smith)
	12:00pm	Congregational Meeting & Chili Luncheon
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
	7:00pm	New Member Committee Meeting
Wednesday	<b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	
	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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**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

<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

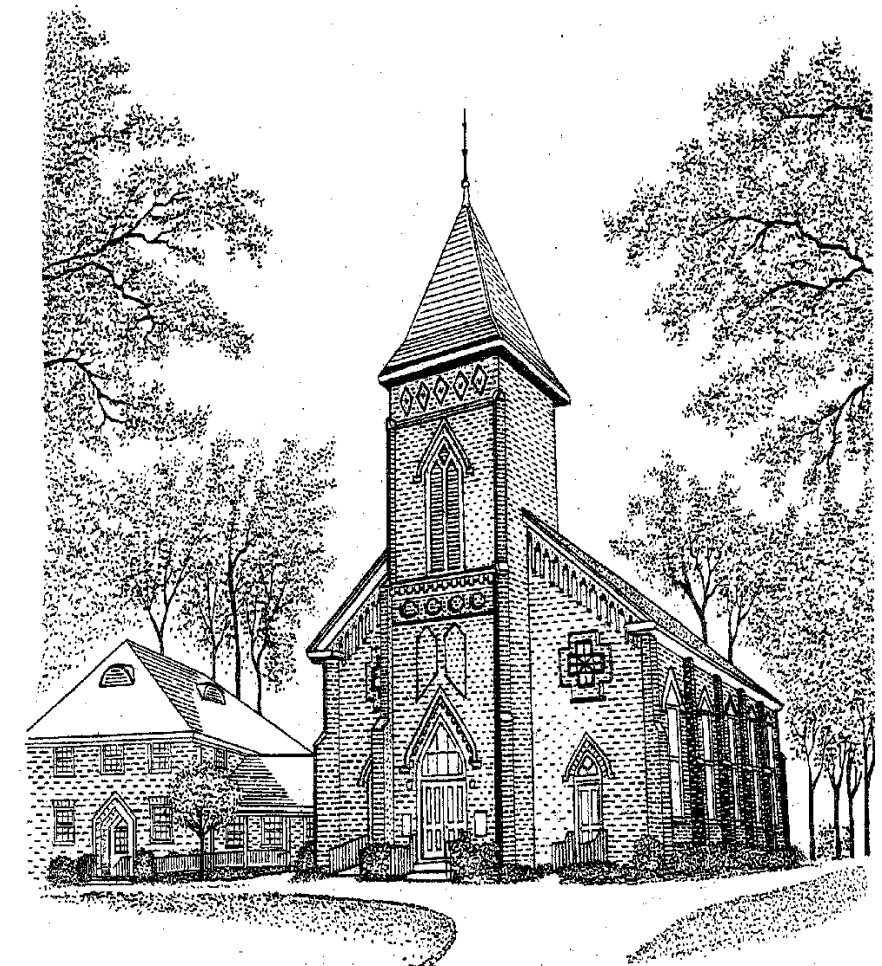
**CONTACT PERSONS**

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 Bates

**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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