

SHARING THE BLESSING OF GOD’S LOVE

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2023

CALL TO REVERENCE *The ringing bell calls us to prepare our hearts*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

All: Be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

One: The Lord is with us!

All: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #612 “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

CALL TO CONFESSION Carly Moore

One: God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us. Confident in God’s mercies, let us confess our sin. Let us first pray in silence. . . . Let us pray together.

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

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. But we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear— for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

All: We believe the promise of our baptism: in Jesus Christ, 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 #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 #707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Shine your light on your Word, O Lord; by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way; for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Psalm 90:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON “Money and Justice” 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 #712 “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

*BENEDICTION #188 (v. 2)

Congregational Response

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.

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 – Melissa Kluttz Next Sunday – Keith Vaughan

LITURGIST: Today – Carly Moore 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 49% 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 Next Sunday – Need a Volunteer

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/>

CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE: November 22nd-December 1st, our Office Manager will be on vacation. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Pastor David at pastor@thyatirapresbyterian.org.

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:

November 22 Adam Swanson
John Corriher
Pat Adams
24 Adaline Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 3rd:

The session has called for a congregational meeting on December 3 following worship to hear the report of the nominating committee. They will present the slate of new officers for 2024.

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.

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.

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.

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>

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today 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)

Monday 9:00am-2:00pm Office Hours
 8:15-11:15am Preschool
 6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm Office Hours
 8:15-11:15am Preschool
 6:30pm Congregational Care

Wednesday CLOSED Business Office
 CLOSED Preschool
 10:45am Meals on Wheels

Thursday **THANKSGIVING DAY**
 CLOSED Business Office
 CLOSED Preschool

Friday CLOSED Business Office
 CLOSED Preschool

Saturday

Sunday 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)

THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

220 White Road
 Salisbury, NC 28147
 704-636-1595

EMAIL ADDRESS: office@thyatirapresbyterian.org

WEB SITE: thyatirapresbyterian.org

STAFF AND OFFICERS

STAFF

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

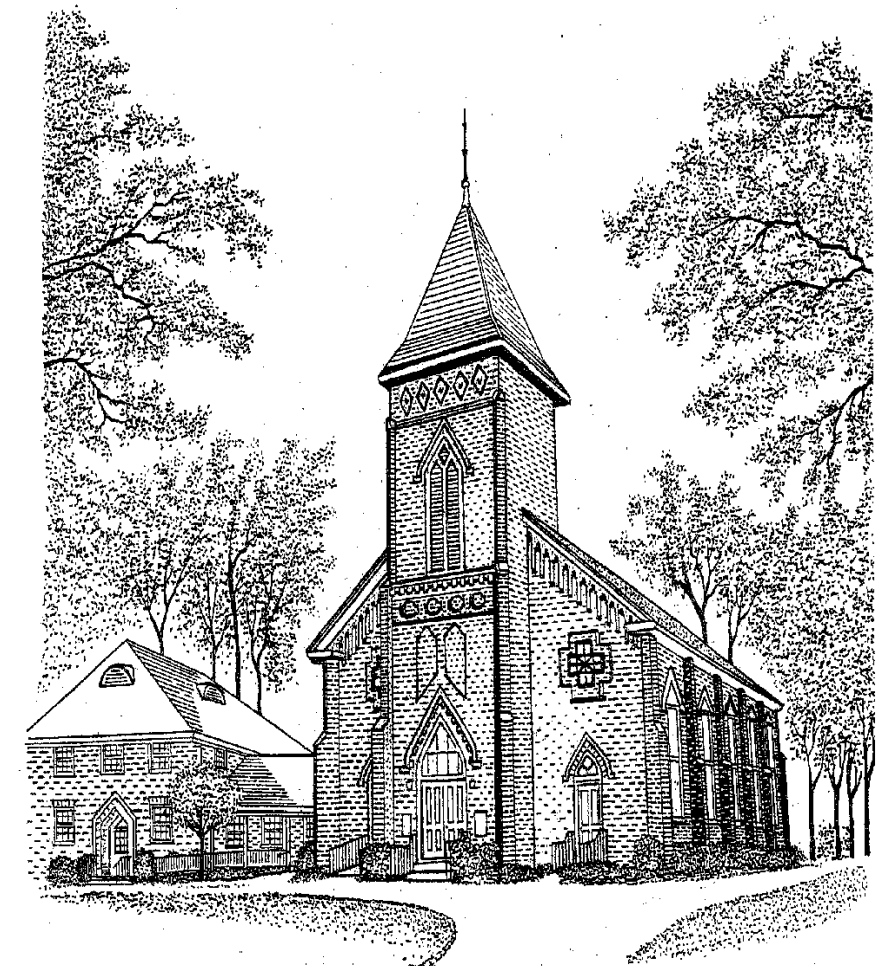
CONTACT PERSONS

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.*



Organized by 1750

A Living Legacy of Love, Faith, Service,
 and Patient Endurance

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 November 19th, 2023