

All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

3. God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

***CHARGE From the Confession of 1967**

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

*Indicates those who are able, may stand
**Worshippers May Enter and Exit
***PH – Presbyterian Hymnal; AAHH – African American
Heritage Hymnal: SF – Sing The Faith

WORDS OF WELCOME



Welcome Guests

A joyous and hearty welcome! We're especially happy to have visitors present. Welcome to our Creator's house of worship. We ask that you sign our Guest Book in the Narthex before leaving. Please come to worship with us again and if you do not have church home here in Gastonia; we invite you to join the **THIRD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **One For Third Street.** Every 5th Sunday we are asking you to remember to help provide supplies for our Church by picking up one additional item for the Church when you purchase one for yourself or household. Please look at the list on the bookmarks in your bulletin today. You can donate these items at any time, but certainly by the **5th Sundays in January, April, July, October & December.**
NEEDED: Paper Towels & Hand sanitizer.

CHANGE FOR MISSION: Don't forget to drop off your pocket change in the container as you leave the Church today.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

M.L. King/Race Relations Sunday

Sunday School, 8:45 am.

Worship Service, 9:30 am.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

M. L. King birthday

Gap meeting January 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. At Olney Presbyterian

NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program at Erwin Center, January 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

Happy Birthday, Jason Carter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

Sunday School, 8:45 am.

Worship Service, 9:30 am.

Upcoming

- ◆ **January 16, 2017 - M.L. King Birthday**
- ◆ **January 18, 2017 Caring for Others Pantry, 10am – 12pm.**
- ◆ **February 4, 2017 - CAM Truffles & Trivia Fund-raiser, 6pm.**

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Our Vision: *We are God's Servants impacting, changing and growing lives spiritually in Church and Community.*

Sunday, January 15, 2018 **9:30 A.M.**
M.L. King/Race Relations Sunday

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

* **CHORAL INTROIT** "Spirit of the Living God" #322, PH

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 29)

Leader: Lord, where shall we find the courage to envisage a new beginning?

PEOPLE: Out of the depths, Father, Mother, we come to you.

Leader: In our confusion we cry to you...and suddenly comes the exciting news:

PEOPLE: You, who abide in heavenly realms, you have come to us!

Leader: You have not considered the smallness of our planet or the ephemeral nature of our lives.

PEOPLE: It is grace--pure, unlimited grace!

Leader: Our human predicament you have made yours,

PEOPLE: and now you announce a new morning, a new beginning.

Leader: And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God

PEOPLE: See, I am making all things new.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

***SONG OF PRAISE** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" #563, PH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)

O God, we bear the imprint of Your face: the colors of our skin are Your design, and what we have of beauty in our race as human beings, You alone define, who

stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.

Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate because of our race, or skin is not the same; while we are judged unequal by the state and victims made because we own our name, humanity reduced to little worth, dishonored is Your living face on earth.

O God, we shared the image of your Son whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin. In his humanity, we find our own and in his family our proper skin. Christ is the brother we still crucify; his love the language we must learn, or die. AMEN.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #2193, SF (Sung twice)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the words that soothe the troubled soul. In mercy, God has given us his Son Jesus Christ, that all who believe in him receive forgiveness of sin through his name.

PEOPLE: Hallelujah! Amen!

***WELCOME & SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Deas: As forgiven people of God, we are free to love and extend God's peace to all. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Let us greet one another, saying: "Peace be with you!") Please return to your seats as the choir begins to sing,

"God Welcomes All"

God welcomes All, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:1-6, 23-29,34

NOTE: Peter at Cornelius' Home.

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Eddie Deas III

"A Transformed World View"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***INVITATIONAL SONG** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #369, PH

****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, SUPPLICATION, AND INTERCESSION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CREDO (From the Confession of 196)

Pastor: Jesus Christ is God with humankind. Christ is the eternal only-begotten of God who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. Christ is present in the church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to continue and complete his mission. Therefore the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

All: God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic differences, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** "God, With Joy We Look Around Us"

Tune: REGENT SQUARE "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

1, God, with joy we look around us

At your world's diversity.

Folk of every kind surround us

And you call your church to see:

All are made in your own image!

All are people whom you love!

2. In the times we've hurt each other,

Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.

Hating sister, cursing brother,

We've denied what you express: