

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.

* **GATHERING MUSIC #327** O Word of God Incarnate Munich

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All creation, all people: praise the Lord!

stars shooting across the sky,

sing glad songs to our God!

Snow clouds approaching, birds sitting on a branch:

praise the Lord!

Sleeping cats and barking dogs,

sing new choruses of praise!

Rich and poor, leaders and followers:

praise the Lord!

Old and young, families and singles,

we will lift our joy to our God!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Bill Hamilton

WE PRAISE GOD

* **HYMN OF PRAISE #464** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

RESPONSE #376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
Verse 1 Only

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #331 Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written WYLDE GREEN
Verse 1 Only

THE WORD SPOKEN

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

EPISTLE LESSON *EPHESIANS 1:3-14* PEW BIBLE, NT, PAGE 192

GOSPEL LESSON *JOHN 1:(1-9) 10-18* PEW BIBLE, NT, PAGES 91-92

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

ANTHEM “Three Riders” ARR. RICHARD E. WAGNER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: “Why We Need Epiphanies” BILL HAMILTON

***HYMN # 62** Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love EPHIPHANY SONG

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe that at the Lord’s Supper the community of believers is renewed

by the memory of Christ’s life and death,

by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,

and by the promise of his coming again.

Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

He offers us his body broken for our sake

and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.

In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

So we celebrate his victory here and now

and anticipate the joyous feast of his coming kingdom.

Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and

courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** (WITH ALLELUIAS) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of Christmas be with you!

And also with you!

Put your trust in the One who has come.

We offer our hearts willingly to our God.

Join all creation in praising God.

We join in the chorus of glad songs to God.

In that not so silent

moment, you spoke to creation,

God of our dreams and hopes,

and birds warbled in the morning,

thunder rumbled over the waters,

cows lowed in the meadows.

For us, those shaped in your image,

were these gifts imagined and formed,

but we took up after death,

getting up to follow sin.

Prophets came to praise your name,

and to bring us back to you,

but we thought they were

trying to trick us.

Then you sent Jesus, Pioneer of salvation,

to proclaim your name to us.

With those who are shy and silent,

with those who persist in glorifying you,

we offer our thanksgiving songs:

Holy, holy, holy are you, ever-loving God.

All creation praises your name.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who put his trust in you.

Hosanna in the highest!

In the silence of the night,

your holiness became human, our God,

and you blessed us with Jesus, Child of grace.

When he could have stayed with you,

he came to offer us help.

When he could have remained in Nazareth,

he got up to bring us the good news.

When he could have played it safe,

he shared his flesh and blood on the cross,

so we might have life through the resurrection.

As we celebrate the gift of his life,

as we remember his death and rising to new life,

we proclaim that mystery called faith:

Christ died, putting his trust in you;

Christ rose, taking on the resurrection life;

Christ will come, to carry us home to you.

Into these moments of silence

and sacrament, send your Spirit

upon those gathered in this place,

and on the gifts of the Bread and Cup.

As we eat of the Bread,

send us out to serve

the hungry and the homeless,

the lost and forgotten,

the broken and battered -

all whose hopes have disappeared.
 As we drink from the Cup,
 may we see the
 lonely and forsaken,
 the hurting and ridiculed,
 the oppressed and imprisoned -
 all whose dreams have become nightmares.

And when we are gathered to your side,
 we will proclaim your glory to
 our sisters and brothers around the Table,
 our praises being offered to you,
 God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)
COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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*CLOSING HYMN #63 *As With Gladness Men of Old*

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WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
 - * BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Be Watchful, Stand Firm in Your Faith*
 - *POSTLUDE
- * You are invited to stand if you are able*

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have an interest in joining Faith Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.292.5704. Please visit our website at www.faithpresgso.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso.

After the service there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to elect new Elders.

Elder of the Month for January is Bonnie Maready.

On the calendar for this week:
Theology on Tap will start back **January 13th** at the **Hamiltons** at 7:30. Adult Sunday School. Join us each Sunday morning at one of our two adult classes. The Discussion Class meets at 9:30 in the parlor for engaging conversation and discussion. Also, you may want to attend our other adult class, **The Present Word**, which meets in the library.

Using our denomination's curriculum, this class considers scripture and its interpretation for today.
 There are Sign-Up Sheets in the Narthex for Ushers, Flowers and Snacks for each Sunday. Please take a turn and sign up.

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Statistics for December 29, 2013: Attendance-31

January 5-12, 2014

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship and Communion Congregational Meeting
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Parish Nurse
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship

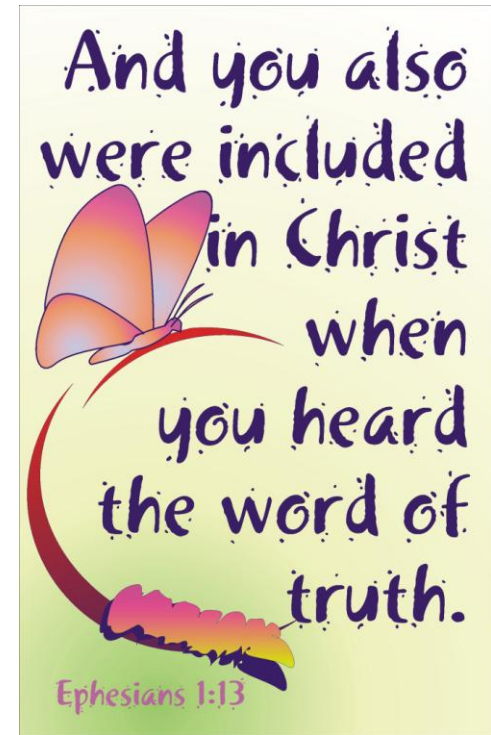
Prayer Lists

Faith Presbyterian Church Prayer List:

Peggy Pope	Cile Gorman
Dot Patat's Family	Maxine Heath
Fran Cuthbertson	Larry Murren
Pat Magnuson	Virginia Cornet
Erich Bordne	PNC
Bonnie Evans	Ann Huffine
Melissa Burris' Father	Priscilla Christiansen
Dellaine Risley	Georgia Renfrow
Bob Phillips	Kelly Bottoms (Friend/Lindsey Brown)
Ed Price	Bill Shannon
Doris Claybrook (Betsy Rule's Mother)	Andy Moye
Dee McGhee	Bob Huffine's Family
Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)	Penn Truit
Marge Mack	Christopher Colbert

Pastoral Team

Bill Hamilton, Interim Pastor
 Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Visitor
 Libby Inman, Young Adult Ministries
 Jeremy Corn, Music Director
 Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse
 Lynn Wright, Office Administrator



***We are a loving faith family,
 worshipping and serving God,
 and testifying in word and deed
 as disciples of Jesus Christ.***

January 5, 2014 Service for the Lord's Day
 11:00 A.M. 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

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