



**WE ARE A LOVING FAITH FAMILY,
WORSHIPPING AND SERVING GOD,
AND TESTIFYING IN WORD AND DEED
AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.**

October 5th, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are joining 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 visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso.

Elders of the Month for October: Bob Waugh and Bonnie Maready

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor for engaging conversation and discussion of *The Counterintuitive Gospel*, by C.S. Parsons.

Visitors: If you would like up-to-date information on Faith's activities each week and have an email address, call the office at 336.292.5704, or e-mail at faithpresgsonc@gmail.com and you will receive weekly updates of what is going on. You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso. Weekly updates of bulletins and newsletters are posted to our Website at www.faithpresgso.org on the Friday before the Sunday service. The newsletter comes out once a month. You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website. We have a **Fellowship Brunch** in the **Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon after the Sunday service on the 4th Sunday of each month** and our **Pennies for Hunger** are also collected on this day as well, during the service. **Communion is the first Sunday of the month.**

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 "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Rick Founds

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay

from the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

* CALL TO WORSHIP

poem by Jan Richardson

Leader: The table will be wide, and the welcome will be wide,

and the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

People: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

Leader: And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

People: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

Leader: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast. Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD

* HYMN OF PRAISE #457 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Toulon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors, we gather here today as a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world. You tell us to honor Creation but we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain. You offer bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed. You promise us new life, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways.

Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your healing presence among us, that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER RESPONSE "Surely It Is God"

Surely it is God who saves me

I will trust in God and not be afraid

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense

And God will be my savior

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE WORD SPOKEN

In the beginning was the Word

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

Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible, OT, Page 64

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD DECLARED: "Water from a Rock"

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

¹ Katie Holmes and Teresa Stricklen adapted this from "Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life Worship Spaces as Stewardship," 2010 National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Program, Earth Day Resource, which, in turn, was adapted from the U.N. Environmental Sabbath, Earth Gospel 120.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from "PCUSA's Declaration 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.*

ANTHEM "Gather 'Round the Table of the Lord"

Mary Kay Beall

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER²

Let us pray. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you looked upon all your hands wrought and called it good. You smile upon purple mountains soaring above wildflower plains, where grasses raise their backs to meet your Spirit's caress. You send clouds scuttling across reflective waters and set stars to wink upon the earth in deep, knowing delight. You call the tune for dolphins dancing in the play of waves. As giraffes amble across savannahs, birds sing in full-throated praise and children of various hues giggle as they run free in your image.

Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone without regard for your intentions for all. Still, you chase after us to save us from sin's harm, freeing us from slavery to give us a new world flowing with milk and honey.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth, and in heaven:

² This liturgy is from PCUSA resources for World Communion Sunday.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world. When threatened with the terror of crucifixion, you did not keep silent but stood up - with resurrection new life -to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven, and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration.

So as we await your coming among us in the fullness of your glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Praised be you, Holy Spirit. Come hover over us now with your bright brooding wings - in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup - that our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ among us and in all who share in this feast.
Fill us like breath fills flutes to be instruments of your peace.

Where there is lack of regard for your creation

Prod us to speak up.

Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,

Open blind eyes.

Where there is silence about others being hurt,

Impassion us with a desire for justice.

Lord, your creation groans under abuse. Renew the earth with goodness. Your children are starving across this globe.

To those who hunger

Give bread.

And to those who have bread

Give hunger for justice.

People languish in prisons, some unjustly, some without repentance, and some for standing up for your Way.

Release the captives, Lord.

O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands take bribes and afflict their peoples.

Topple oppressive powers with your rule and send the rich empty away.

Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;

Send us to be your servants in service to the world.

The sick suffer forgotten in pain

Heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.

People have solicited our prayers and others needing our prayers weigh heavy on our hearts so we offer these, our prayers to you:

Gather all these prayers and praise and join them with those of all the saints - and with our Great High Priest who taught us to pray, saying . . . **Our Father...**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was arrested, our Lord took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "This is my body- broken for you. Do this remembering me."

And after they had eaten, he took the cup and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed for you in my blood. All of you, drink of it remembering me."

And so whenever we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection, until he comes again.

*COMMUNION "Santo, Santo, Santo"

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora!

Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres, Senor!

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread, and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN “Christ Be Our Light”

From the Glory to God Hymnal

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *REFRAIN*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *REFRAIN*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *REFRAIN*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *REFRAIN*

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE “May You Run and Not Be Weary”

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song
And may the love of God continue to bring you hope and keep you strong
And may you run and not be weary, may your life be filled with joy
And may the road you travel, always lead you home.

*POSTLUDE

** You are invited to stand if you are able*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Attendance 9-28-14 – 43
October 5-12

- Today:** 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 A.M. Worship and Communion
5:00 P.M. Installation Service for Rev. Karen Ware Jackson
- Tuesday:** 9:30 A.M. Parish Nurse
10:00 A.M. Chair Exercise
2:00 P.M. Book Study: Kitchen Table Wisdom
- Wednesday:** 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
- Thursday:** 8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous
- Friday:** 3:00 P.M. Food needed for second Western Guilford High School Football Team Dinner
8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous
- Sunday:** 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 A.M. Worship
5:00 P.M. Session

Visit our online calendar for more events and information at:
<http://www.faithpresgso.org/events-calendar1.html>

Salem Presbytery Church Prayer List

Dellabrook Church, Winston-Salem

First Presbyterian, Salisbury

Speedwell Church, Reidsville

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Erich Bordne

Lindsey Brown and Family

Priscilla Christiansen

Kevin Cook

Virginia Cornet's Family

Fran Cuthbertson

Bonnie Evans

'Cile Gorman

Pat Greeson

Helen Hall

Harold Henderson

Maxine Huffines Heath

Bob Huffine's Family

Marge Mack

Pat Magnuson

Andy Moye

Larry Murren

Bob Phillips's Family

Georgia Renfrow

Bill Shannon

#WeAreN



This is the Arabic letter *nun* and it marks Iraqi Christian homes and properties so that ISIS may identify them as “Nazarene.”

Follow #WeareN on Facebook and Twitter to show support for persecuted Iraqi Christians.

Announcements

- Our **e-mail address** is now: faithpresgsonc@gmail.com
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause as you update your contacts and address books.
- Today we begin preparing to **sow the seeds of stewardship**. This week, your stewardship team will mail a letter with some additional information regarding Faith's stewardship goals, including your pledge card. We invite you to reflect on the bountiful blessings you enjoy and how you can further God's kingdom by returning a portion of them for use in your community. *2 Corinthians 9:6*: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
- **Rev. Karen Ware Jackson's Installation Service** will be held today, October 5th at 5:00 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church.
- The next meeting of **Theology on Tap** is scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Tim and Laura Maher (4208 Shoal Creek Dr). The reading is chapters 12-14 of Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." All are welcome!
- For those planning to attend the Tuesday, October 7th book study on "**Kitchen Table Wisdom**" please read pages 105-166 in advance of the meeting.
- **Choir Practice** will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. through October 21st.
- The **second Western Guilford High School Football Dinner** will be held on Friday, October 10th. Please contact Lindsey Brown for ways to help!
- A new **Community Outreach project** is underway! We will be collecting used winter coats/winter accessories in the green hamper near where we collect eye glasses/pill bottles.

**“Waiting for Bread ... and for God’s Future”
- a prayer by Walter Brueggemann**

We are strange mixtures of loss and hope.
As we are able, we submit our losses to you.
We know about sickness and dying,
about death and mortality,
about failure and disappointment.
And now for a moment we do our
failing and dying in your presence,
you who attend to us in loss.

As we are able, we submit our hopes to you.
We know about self-focused fantasy
and notions of control.

But we also know that our futures
are out beyond us,
held in your good hand.

Our hopes are filled with promises of
well-being, justice and mercy.
Move us this day beyond our fears and anxieties
into your land of goodness.

We wait for your coming,
we pray for your kingdom.
In the meantime, give us bread for the day.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Team
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse
Shay Freedman, Social Work Intern
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator