

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.*

*Advent Chorus

They'll Know We are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our Hope, By our Hope,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our Hope.

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: Gather in, Children of God. Gather in from the cold to the warmth of
this place, this community, and the loving God we live in.

People: This is the season of Advent. Advent means "coming."

Leader: It means the coming of the Christ Child, it means the Second
Coming of Christ.

**People: It means a time of preparation as we open our hearts, open our
souls, and welcome the Holy into our earthly lives.**

Leader: This morning we light the candle of Hope.

**People: We pray that the hope of God may find its way into our
thoughts, our words, and our actions.**

Leader: Let the hope of God reign in us. Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #17 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us" *Wachet Auf*

Prayer of Confession[△]

Leader: If we have been superficial in our Christmas preparations,

People: God who comes, forgive us.

Leader: If we have sung the musical notes with our voices but
not our hearts,

People: God who comes, forgive us.

Leader: If we have invested money in gifts, but have not
invested ourselves in love,

People: God who comes, forgive us.

Leader: If we have made beautiful our homes, but have not
enhanced our lives,

People: God who comes, forgive us and make us whole. 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 "God Rest You Merry"

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Word with the Children

The Word Spoken

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

Isaiah 64:1-9

Pew Bible, OT, Page 694

Anthem "Emmanuel"

by Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible, NT, Page 50

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: "Suddenly"

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

*Affirmation of Faith: "The Coming of God"[†]

**Our God is the One who comes to us
in a burning bush, in an angel's song, in a newborn child.**

**Our God is the One who cannot be found
locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary.**

**Our God will be where God will be
with no constraints, no predictability.**

**Our God lives where our God lives,
and destruction has no power and even death cannot stop the living.**

**Our God will be born where God will be born,
but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us.**

When God is ready

God will come even to a godforsaken place like a stable in Bethlehem.

Watch...

for you know not when God comes.

Watch, that you might be found

Whenever, wherever, God comes.

*Hymn of Response #9 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Veni Emmanuel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

*Doxology

from Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn #332 "Live Into Hope"

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WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction "I am Present in the Wait"[✧]

I am present in the wait.
and I bless your longing to recall
days of agreement, of certainty
where light roamed freely
and we interacted and exchanged effortlessly—
deep inside, the memory is still there...
those days in the womb of eden
where I fed you and warmed you
and attended all your needs.
where we touched unceasingly
and you truly felt Me.
things are different, I know.
rest assured, I bless it.
even during seasons where the light is dim,
My presence remains
prompting seers to lead the blind,
to take up hands with those paralyzed
and wait for a great unseen.
the waters will break,
the passageway will open
and just as I promised...
He will come.
Rest assured, He is coming.

*Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

[△] The Prayer of Confession in today's bulletin was written by Jim Rismiller.

[†] The Affirmation of Faith is by Ann Weems from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*.

[✧] Benediction by Kelly Hall. Music by The Brilliance.

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Parlor. This week we are continuing our study of "The Work of the People," a video based series featuring some of the great theologians and thinkers of our time!

Worship Enrichment for children and youth is coming soon! We encourage our young people to learn about God and our community through the act of worship. These enrichment experiences will allow the children to learn more about the different parts of worship and enable them to participate and understand more. **Please talk to our Pastor Karen if you wish to be involved!** We need worship buddies and mentors to learn alongside our young people.

November Elders of the Month: Betty Rissmiller & Lindsey Brown

December Elders of the Month: Graham Pope & Betsy Rule

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Check out our website www.faithpresgso.org – for more information about who we are and what we believe, as well as weekly updates of bulletins and monthly newsletters

Grab a newsletter! You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website.

Join us for our monthly brunch! Every month on the **4th Sunday**, we head down to the fellowship hall after worship for yummy food and good conversation.

Calendar for November 30 – December 7

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice
Monday:	7:30 P.M.	Theology on Tap
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Congregational Nurse
	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
	2:00 P.M.	Social Media Workshop
Thursday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	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, Communion, Second Sunday of Advent
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice

Salem Presbytery Church Prayer List

First Presbyterian, Pilot Mountain
Forest Park, Statesville
Oakview, Yanceyville

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Erich Bordne’s Family	Maxine Huffines Heath’s Family
Priscilla Christiansen	Bob Huffine’s Family
Kevin Cook	Marge Mack
Del Cumbie’s Family	Pat Magnuson
Fran Cuthbertson	Andy Moye
Bonnie Evans	Larry Murren
‘Cile Gorman	Ed Price’s Family
Pat Greeson	Georgia Renfrow
Helen Hall	Stephen Ware (Rev. Karen Ware
Harold Henderson	Jackson’s Father)

Please be in touch with the office (336.292.5150 or faithpresgsonc@gmail.com) regarding any additions or corrections to the Prayer List.

Announcements

- The next meeting of **Theology on Tap** is scheduled for Monday, December 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Campbell (3-A Cactus Court). The reading is chapters 24-26 of Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." All are welcome!
- We will hold a **Social Media Workshop** at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.
- **Rice for the Refugees** collection has been extended to December 7th! Please bring a 3-5 pound bag of rice to help us meet our goal of 75 bags!
- **Glory to God Hymnals!** Please return your hymnal order form and payment by December 14th to be included in the Honor Program.
- **It’s flu season again, a time to be especially aware of washing our hands.** Not just at the “normal” times. **The risk goes way up for folks whose immunity is being suppressed by chemotherapy.** We have some folks on chemotherapy in this congregation. There are **hand sanitizers** in some of the pews. Having your own personal hand sanitizer hanging from a belt loop, in a pocket or purse is not a bad idea either **but you do need to use it.**

Pastoral Team

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

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



The First Sunday in Advent

We embrace multigenerational worship and welcome the giggles, questions, tears, and even shouts that enliven our oh-so-orderly service. We do have a **professionally staffed nursery** available for babies and toddlers, but we encourage our youngest members to learn with and from us throughout the worship service.

There is a **family worship space** available for children and adults at the front of the sanctuary. **Are you curious about all the fun the kids are having up front?** Feel free to join our young people in their interactive worship activities! These experiences are great for active learners of all ages, and our children and their parents appreciate your engagement and support.

We want to be a true family of faith and that means celebrating the gifts, questions, and talents of each of our members from young in age to young at heart!

November 30th, 2014 Service for the Lord’s Day
11:00 A.M. 1st Sunday of Advent

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