

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Enter the sanctuary in prayerful silence

Sharing our joys and concerns

*Call to Worship

based on Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25

One: We are pulled in many directions.

All: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

One: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

All: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

One: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

All: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.

*Gathering Music #743

“O God You Are My God”

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

(two times)

Call to Contemplation – 26 Candles

Blessing When the World is Ending

Look, the world
is always ending
somewhere.

Somewhere
the sun has come
crashing down.

Somewhere
it has gone
completely dark.

Somewhere
it has ended
with the gun,
the knife,
the fist.

Somewhere
it has ended
with the slammed door,
the shattered hope.

Somewhere
it has ended
with the utter quiet
that follows the news
from the phone,
the television,
the hospital room.

Somewhere
it has ended
with a tenderness
that will break
your heart.

But, listen,
this blessing means
to be anything
but morose.
It has not come
to cause despair.

It is simply here
because there is nothing
a blessing
is better suited for
than an ending,
nothing that cries out more
for a blessing
than when a world
is falling apart.

This blessing
will not fix you,
will not mend you,
will not give you
false comfort;
it will not talk to you
about one door opening
when another one closes.

It will simply
sit itself beside you
among the shards
and gently turn your face
toward the direction
from which the light
will come,
gathering itself
about you
as the world begins
again.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends on your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-28

Pew Bible OT, p. 215

The Word Spoken

In the beginning was the Word

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

Word and Wonder with All Ages – Dedicating the Chair Lift

Anthem

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

The Word Declared

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

One: Choose this day whom you will serve?

All: I will serve the Lord.

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life’s end?

All: I will, with God’s help.

*Hymn of Response #310

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

St. Thomas

Prayer of Confession *see insert*

Prayer Response #175

“Seek Ye First” v.2

Lafferty

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;

Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Dedication – One: Choose this day whom you will serve:

All: as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Offertory

Flute and piano duet by Nataly Jimenez and René Summerlin

*Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

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 #747

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Enviado

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

Before we go in God’s name, we will gather around the sanctuary in community with one another. Take your neighbors’ hands and say to each other: “You are a beloved child of God”

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Bulletin Acknowledgments

The Call to Worship was written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the **Worship Connection** page of the Ministry Matters website. Visit there for other great suggestions for worship on November 6, 2011. The *Blessing When the World is Ending* was written by Jan Richardson and is in her book titled *Circle of Grace*. The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Book of Common Worship’s baptismal liturgy. The Prayer for Illumination is adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540). We’d like to extend a welcome and thanks to Nataly Jimenez, a student from Western Guilford High School, for sharing her musical talent with us today!

Prayer Response #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

Finlandia

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

November Elders of the Month: Graham Pope & Kelly Maher
Calendar for November 12-19

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	3:00 P.M.	El-Shaddai Service
	4:00 P.M.	Session
Wednesday:	6:30 P.M.	English Choir Practice
Thursday:	7:00 P.M.	Men's Bible Study
	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday:	10:00 A.M.	El-Shaddai Choir Practice and Prayer
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	3:00 P.M.	El-Shaddai Service

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Alfredo Miranda, Salem Presbytery Representative on
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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please be in touch with the office regarding any additions or
corrections to the Prayer List. You may call (336.292.5150) or
e-mail (faithpresgsonc@gmail.com).

Larry Avent and Family	Sara Kearns
Rick Barreau	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Reginald Brooks	Marge Mack
Priscilla Christiansen	The Family of Andy Moye
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Garth and Inky Payne
Vicki Duncan	Georgia Renfrow
The Family of Bonnie Evans	The Sharon Family
Kem Gomo	Patricia Shoffner (René's mother)
Pat Greeson	Bill Summerlin (René's father-in-law)
Helen Hall	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Harold Henderson and Family	Michelle Watkins
Judy Herron and Family	Stuart Witt (Lois Bazhaw's cousin)
	Marge Zeliff

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate
Prince Mundeke Mushunju, El-Shaddai Pastor
René Summerlin, Music Director
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator
Michelle Watkins, Childcare Provider

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



We embrace inter-generational 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 “PrayGround” available for children and adults at the front of the sanctuary. 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 12, 2017
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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