

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS AND CONCERNS

*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 Peace, By our Peace,

Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our Peace.

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 Peace.

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

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

*Hymn of Praise #2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

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 “In Dulci Jubilo”

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven’s door, And we are blest for-ever-more.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Prayer for Peace on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and The Lord’s Prayer

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 40:1-11

Pew Bible, OT, Page 667

Anthem “Christmas is Coming”

by *Joel Raney*

Mark 1:1-8

Pew Bible, NT, Page 34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Advent Labyrinth”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

***Hymn of Response #3** “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Psalm 42

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

May the God of comfort be with you.

And may God comfort you.

Bring your hearts to the One who comes.

We would open them to God, who brings healing and hope.

Give thanks to the Living God, all you people.

We praise the One who offers peace to us.

Acclamation, thanksgiving, songs of joy are the gifts we offer to you, God of all the ages. You uttered the Word and mountains burst forth; your Breath blew upon the waters, and stirred life into being; you reached down and shaped us in your own image, from the dusty paths you trod. In our impatience, we refused to wait for your glory, and rushed into sin’s sweet embrace. Yet you were willing to outwit our foolish wisdom, and outwait our childish tantrums, sending the prophets to cry out of your desire for us to return to you. Finally, when we continued to cling to death’s strong hand, you clothed your Word with human flesh, that we might meet you face to face.

So with those who have waited for you in every time and place, with those who seek to live faithfully for you in these days, we lift our songs of hope to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Comfort of every age.

All creation speaks tenderly of your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who builds the highway to your heart.

Hosanna in the highest!

All holiness is yours, Righteous God, and blessed is your Word for whom we wait, Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace. When we had lost our way, he came to straighten out the path to you. When we wept at our lost ways, he came to comfort us. When we had fallen hopelessly at the feet of death, he gathered us up in his arms to carry us home to you.

As we come to this Table, we remember the mystery of the One who died that we might live forever:

Christ died, the flower of hope fading;

Christ was raised, so death and sin would be made low;

Christ will come, crying: "Here is your God!"

As your Spirit moves upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, may she touch us with unexpected hope and the power of patience. As we wait for Christ’s return, we would fill the empty dreams of the world with your vision of peace and wholeness; we would feed the lost with the bread of hope; we would gently lead the exiled back to your Kingdom.

Then, when the end of time comes, and our waiting is over, we will gather around your Table in the new heaven and new earth, where righteousness is our friend and justice lives next door, and we will praise you forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Words of Institution

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

*Doxology

from *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in Excelsis Deo; Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #432** “Song of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy”

Argentina

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge and Benediction “I am the Path”

I bless the feet of My people

whether their imprints are made

tracking across mountainsides

or laying low in the valley—

their soles move Me, and I bless them.

I named a guiding star above them,

a little reminder that I AM coming.

The Path I develop,

is unlike any other.

His course is restorative,

and through Him I will receive all who come.

The time is approaching

the Way is well lit

the Pathway, straightforward

and just as foretold,

He will come.

*Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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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.

Do you want to know more about the new life happening at Faith?

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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 December 7 - 14

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship and Communion
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Congregational Nurse
	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
	11:00 A.M.	Circle
Wednesday:	6:00 P.M.	Choir Practice
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
	5:00 P.M.	Session

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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).

Announcements

- The next meeting of **Theology on Tap** is scheduled for Monday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Betty Rissmiller (1007 Waccamaw Way). The reading is chapters 27-29 of Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." All are welcome!
- Glory to God Hymnals!** Please return your hymnal order form and payment by December 14th to be included in the Honor Program. If you would like to give a gift In Memory or In Honor of a loved one to the church's operating fund or pastor's discretionary fund, please contact the church office by Wednesday, December 10th.

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



The Second Sunday of 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!

December 7th, 2014
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent

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