

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 Joy, By our Joy,

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

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 Joy.

People: We pray that the joy of God may find its way into our

thoughts, our words, and our actions.

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

*Hymn of Praise #11 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

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 need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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.

Mark 1:4-8

Pew Bible, NT, Page 34

Anthem “Love Came Down at Christmas”

by *Howard Helvey*

Psalm 126:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Soon”

Pew Bible, OT, Page 372

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

***Hymn of Response #6** “Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”

Helmsley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant - Kevin Cook

In your baptism, God acted out of grace and love for you. You entered the covenant God established. You were joined to Christ and welcomed into the household of faith. Within this family, you have been nurtured at the table of our Lord, and you have learned God’s purpose for you and for all creation.

The grace of God is eternal. Nothing can separate you from God’s love. You are God’s beloved child, and you always will be.

Today, we rejoice that you desire to proclaim your faith and witness to God’s holy work and transformative power in your life.

Renunciations

I ask you therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we are baptized.

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

I do.

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

I do.

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

I will, with God’s help.

Affirmation of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”

Page 14, Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptismal Prayer

Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in Kevin the covenant you made in his baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in him. Send him forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Laying On of Hands

O Lord, uphold Kevin by your Holy Spirit. Increase in him your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of compassion and power, the spirit of knowledge and awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, that he might be a faithful and radiant witness to your light and life until he comes to dwell with you in glory. **Amen.**

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

*Doxology

from *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo; Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn “I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry”

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your Life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well.

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.

You were raised to praise the Living God to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time, and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme, from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your Life unfold.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge and Benediction “Rejoice”

My Voice is coming in—

like a spring that travels miles up the mountain,

long awaited words of freedom

rush to flow over My people;

fresh water to liven the blood

strong medicine for the heart.

this is such good news!

it will be so unexpected!

I will pull together My people like never before

no human words could describe the splendor,

the brilliant, glorious light.

the Voice of liberation will lead

and My people will join, singing—

how could I describe the singing?

liberated. healed. fearless.

soon.

fear not, it won’t be long.

the lyrics are written,

the music composed,

the choir is primed,

He is coming.

*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 14 - 21

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	5:00 P.M.	Session
Monday:	7:30 P.M.	Theology on Tap
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Congregational Nurse
	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
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, **MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS!**

6:00 P.M. Longest Night Service

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Lindsey Brown's Aunt	Marge Mack
Priscilla Christiansen	Pat Magnuson
Kevin Cook	Andy Moye
Fran Cuthbertson	Larry Murren
Bonnie Evans	Garth Payne
'Cile Gorman	Georgia Renfrow
Pat Greeson	Beth Weikel (Daughter of
Helen Hall	Jim and Betty Rissmiller)
Harold Henderson	
Bob Huffine's Family	

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).

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

First Presbyterian, Eden
Parkway Church, Winston-Salem
Fifth Creek Church, Statesville

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!** Today is the last day to return your order form and payment for inclusion in the Honor Program!
- **MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS: On December 21st we will have our annual meeting to elect officers. Please make plans to attend!**
- **Rice for the Refugees:** Our goal was 75 bags of rice and Faith came through! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate 96 packages of rice coming in at 277 pounds! Thank you again!
- **Coat/Hat Collection:** 15 warm coats/hats were collected for those in need. Thank you!

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



Rejoice!

The Third 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 14th, 2014 Service for the Lord's Day
11:00 A.M. 3rd Sunday of Advent

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