

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The call to repentance is the start of discipleship. Passing through the waters, the believer emerges with newness of life. The waters of baptism symbolize that rite of passage whereby old ways are forsaken in favor of a commitment to God’s justice and righteousness. John baptizes in the wilderness, bearing witness to the Light that illumines God’s will, even Jesus Christ, the way of justice and peace.

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.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CALL TO WORSHIP DAPHNE AND DENNY ATKINSON

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together.

We relight the candle of Hope.

Today, we light the candle of Peace. The coming Christ desires us all to thrive, patiently wanting us to turn from the ways of sin and death. As we wait for the coming of the day of God, we want to be ready.

Seeking a straight path, we light this candle to guide our steps. Together, we prepare the way and strive to lead lives of holiness, goodness, and peace.

All Earth Is Waiting

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,

And open furrows await the seed of God.

All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;

It cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:

“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,”

One whose name is “God-with-us” our Savior shall be;

With him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Welcome to this place where we seek our hearts’ true home.

Here, we gather with God’s people; here, we hold one another in our hearts.

Welcome to this place where we seek our hearts’ true home.

Here, God looks in favor on us; here, we discover God’s intentions for us.

Welcome to this place where we seek our hearts’ true home.

Here, we find a feast prepared for us; here, we taste God’s grace and hope.

Welcome to this place!

Where we find our hearts’ true home.

WE PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

* **HYMN OF PRAISE #10** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

This is the good news: God anoints us with grace and peace, not so we can become better than others, but so we can be the servants of a hurting and hungry world.

We will go, taking the good news with us, testifying to all we meet, with our words, our hearts, our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)* GLORIA

Glo ----- ri-a in excelsis Deo;

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WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

And with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded,

For with blessing in His hand,

Christ our God to earth descendeth,

Our full homage to demand.

THE WORD SPOKEN

In the beginning was the Word

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

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 3:1-12 PEW BIBLE, NT, PAGES 2-3

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 40:1-5 PEW BIBLE, OT, PAGE 667

“Comfort Ye, My People” G. F. HANDEL

“Every Valley” (1685-1759)

Soloist: David G. Boyd

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us;

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: “The Typography of the Human Spirit” BILL HAMILTON

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE #337** *Isaiah the Prophet has Written of Old* SAMANTHRA

***APOSTLE’S CREED** (Traditional) PAGE 14

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY** (WITH ALLELUIAS) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN #13** *Prepare the Way* BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION - ROMANS 15:4-6

People: For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

Leader: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

* POSTLUDE

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

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with 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 Facebook at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso.

Elders of the Month for December are Betsy Rule and Betty Rissmiller.

On the calendar for this week:

- **Theology on Tap** meets every other Monday and will meet on **December 16th** at 7:30 pm at **Elizabeth's Pizza**, Guilford College Shopping Center. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres.
- Adult Sunday School. Join us each Sunday morning at one of our two adult classes. The Discussion Class meets at 9:30 in the parlor for engaging conversation and discussion as we begin our Advent Study "**Held in God's Grace**". Sunday we begin Session 2. Also, you may want to attend our other adult class, **The Present Word**, which meets in the library. Using our denomination's curriculum, this class considers scripture and its interpretation for today.
- There are Sign-Up Sheets in the Narthex for Ushers, Flowers and Snacks for each Sunday. Please take a turn and sign up.

Information and Prayer List
(Please Sign the Friendship Register)
Attendance: 37

December 8-15, 2013

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
Monday:	7:30 P.M.	Theology on Tap
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Parish Nurse
Wednesday:	7:00 P.M.	Choir
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Brunch (Presby. Women to Honor Chorus)

Prayer Lists

Old Providence Church, Statesville
 Elkin Church, Elkin
 Eben-ezer Church, Siler City

Faith Presbyterian Church Prayer List:

Peggy Pope	Cile Gorman
Dot Patat's Family	Maxine Heath
Fran Cuthbertson	Larry Murren
Pat Magnuson	Virginia Cornet
Erich Bordne	PNC
Bonnie Evans	Ann Huffine
Melissa Burris' Father	Priscilla Christiansen
Dellaine Risley	Georgia Renfrow
Bob Phillips	Kelly Bottoms (Friend/Lindsey Brown)
Ed Price	Bill Shannon
Doris Claybrook (Betsy Rule's Mother)	Andy Moye
Dee McGhee	Jane Hogan
Bob Huffine's Family	



Second Sunday of Advent



***We are a loving faith family,
 worshipping and serving God,
 and testifying in word and deed
 as disciples of Jesus Christ.***

Pastoral Team

Bill Hamilton, Interim Pastor
 Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Visitor
 Libby Inman, Young Adult Ministries
 Jeremy Corn, Music Director
 Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse
 Lynn Wright, Office Administrator

December 8, 2012
11:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Advent

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