

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Peace

One: Peace on each one who comes in need.

All: Peace on each one who comes in joy.

One: Peace on each one who offers prayers.

All: Peace on each one who offers song.

One: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son.

All: Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

*Gathering Music #107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" *Rejoice Rejoice*

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.

Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.

Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,

He opens wide the heavenly door and lives now inside us forever

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle

The Messiah, by Ann Weems

One: Look for the Messiah where you will, but you'll find him where you live.

All: He will not be separated and kept apart from those who cry to him.

One: He will be found right in the midst of the daily, routine, ordinary stuff of life. So where you're living, look for him.

All: In the ordinary niches of that living look for the holy that the holy might be found in you.

One: Today we search for the holiness of God among those who are crying out: those who cry out for a united church, those who cry out for reconciliation, those who cry out for church to be a safe place of shelter from the conflicts of our time. We seek the coming Messiah by making this a place where his peace rules in our hearts and our pews, as we are called to be one body. On this second Sunday in Advent, we light these candles to remind us that the light of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is most brilliant when his church is united in mission, purpose and love.

All: In the division of your church, in the brokenness of your body, we pray: come, Lord Jesus. Come, showing us the futility of "us and them," reminding us of our covenant with one another. Come, make your church a place marked not by division, but by acts of mercy, compassion and peace, in your name, amen.

*Hymn of Praise #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *Truro*

Prayer of Brokenness

All: God of peace, you came to dwell among us that we might be whole, yet we continue to live in brokenness. We fracture healing with anger, cleave hope with fear, disturb holy stillness with anxious mania, and shatter our world, our communities, our churches, even our own hearts with selfishness and greed.

One: Let us consider in silence the brokenness within the Body of Christ, the Church. (*silence is kept for personal confession*)

As we wait for the advent of peace, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Leads us from despair to hope, from fear to truth.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

All: Let peace fill our hearts, our church, our world, our universe. We ask if for your own name's sake. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

One: The good news of the gospel is that while we were yet broken, Christ came to make us whole. Christ is still coming - on the wings of grace and truth, in the fullness of love and time - to bring shalom.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer Response #417 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" *Southwell*

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.

From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Word Spoken

In the beginning was the Word

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

Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible, NT, Page 201

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word with the Children

Anthem "Jesus Loves Me" *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!

Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so.

All of us to him belong, we are weak but he is strong.

Yes Jesus loves us! Yes Jesus loves us!

Yes Jesus loves us! The Bibles tells us so.

The Word Declared: "The Whole Church" *Rev. Karen Ware Jackson*

Statement of Values – Faith Presbyterian Church

One: In a fast paced world

All: we value taking time for each other.

One: In a drive-through world

All: we value table fellowship.

One: In a world of impulsive decisions

All: we value being led through prayer.

One: In a world of loneliness,

All: we value biblical hospitality.

One: In a world of casual members,

All: we value committed disciples.

One: In a world that takes care of itself,

All: we value reaching out and serving in Christ's name.

One: In a world of entertainment,

All: we value worship with theological integrity.

One: In a world of avoidance,

All: We value struggling with hard questions about God and life.

One: In a world of individuals,

All: We value communities where old and young people from all races and backgrounds are joined together, where tradition is cherished and questioned, and above all, Christ is proclaimed as Lord of All.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #103 "Come Now, Prince of Peace" *O-So-So*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

See Advent Communion bulletin, located in the pew.

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory "Waiting, Wandering, Wondering" *by Ruth Elaine Schram*

*Doxology #110 "Love Has Come" v.1 *French Carol*

Love has come: a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" *Prayer of St. Francis*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge

*Benediction

*Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

December 6 – 13

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:15 A.M.	Children's Choir Practice
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
Monday:	11:15 A.M.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday:	11:00 A.M.	Women's Circle
	6:30 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
	10:15 A.M.	Children's Choir Practice
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
	4:00 P.M.	Session

Announcements

- We're forming a children's choir for Christmas. Children will sing a song in worship Sunday, December 20. They will practice with Stephanie in the sanctuary at 10:15am on Dec. 6, and Dec. 13. Get a CD of the music and lyrics from Stephanie!
- **Bread and Wine with Jesus, Chair Exercise, and the mission group** will not meet in December.

Salem Presbytery Church Prayer List

Old Providence Church, Statesville
Elkin Church, Elkin
Ebenezer Church, Siler City

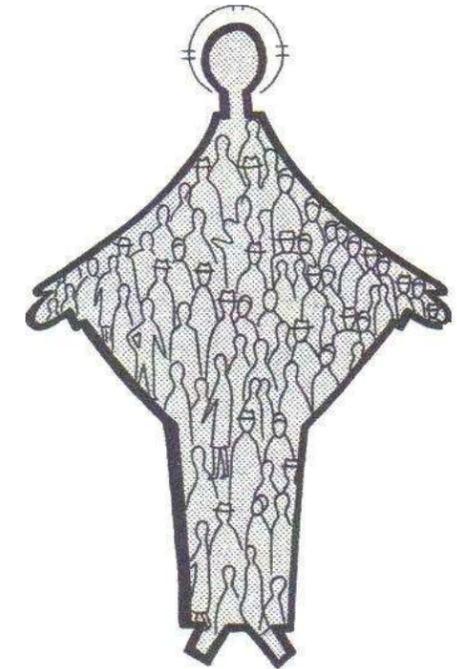
FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Ann Adkins (Betsy Rule's friend)	Jo Anne Jennings
Margaret Avent (Rev. Larry Avent's wife)	Sara Kearns
Rick Barreau	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Lois Bazhaw and Family	Marge Mack
Priscilla Christiansen	Gladys Maready (Bonnie Maready's mother-in-law)
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Family of Keith McNeal
Carolyn Cook (Betsy Rule's cousin)	Family of Lisa Moran
Family of Fran Cuthbertson	Andy Moye
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Garth Payne
Bonnie Evans	Inky Payne
Kem Gomo	Georgia Renfrow
'Cile Gorman	Betty and Jim Rissmiller
Pat Greeson	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Helen Hall	Stephen Ware (Karen Ware Jackson's father)
Harold Henderson	
Judy Herron and Family	

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



“The Whole Church”

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!

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Team
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
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December 6th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

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

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