

## 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.*

### \*Gathering Music #126 “Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child” *Wonderful Child*

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;

New life, new hope the child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing:

“Glory, glory, glory!” Let the heavens ring.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather wondering, "Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?"

**People: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

Leader: We gather asking, "where will we find the Child of Christmas?"

**People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope where the oppressed are set free.**

Leader: We gather wanting to know, "where will we find the Christ who has come for us?"

**People: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #147

“The First Nowell”

*The First Nowell*

### Prayer of Confession

**We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love.**

*Silence is kept for private confession*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, live and believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### Prayer Response #155

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

*Jubilate Deo*

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

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## 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.**

### Scripture:

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**Pew Bible NT, p. 2**

### The Word Declared

“Wayfinding 101”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

### Anthem

“We Know the Way” from the *MOANA* Soundtrack  
by Obetaia Foa’i & Lin-Manuel Miranda

### The Word and Wonder with All Ages “Star Gifts”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### 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

“God Is in It”

by Scott Krippayne & Sam Mizelle

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

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 #853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

*Siyahamba*

## WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

### Bulletin Acknowledgements

The Benediction is adapted from Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan. The image on the bulletin cover is from <https://2ndstartotherightyoga.wordpress.com>.

## INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

### January Elders of the Month: Bonnie Maready and Larry Jones Calendar for January 15 - 22

### Today:

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship

3:00 P.M. Swahili-English Service

### Monday:

Office Closed

### Wednesday:

6:30 P.M. English Choir

### Thursday:

6:30 P.M. Men’s Prayer Group

8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday:

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### Saturday:

10:00 A.M. Swahili Choir Practice and Prayer

### Sunday:

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship, Pennies for Hunger

12:00 P.M. Fellowship Brunch

3:00 P.M. Swahili-English Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2017 Epiphany Series – “Finding The Way”**
  - Jan. 15 – Wayfinding 101 - *Matthew 2:1-12*
  - Jan. 22 – Know Who You Are - *Exodus 6:1-8, Psalm 139*
  - Jan. 29 – Gather Your Community – *1 Corinthians 12: 4-12*
  - Feb. 5 – Look to the Stars – *Isaiah 40:1-8, 21-31*
  - Feb. 12 – Follow the Spirit – *John 3:1-8*
  - Feb. 19 – Share Your Epiphanies – *Isaiah 60:1-6*
- **Women’s Circle** will not meet in January as the weather intervened with last week’s meeting. Instead the next meeting will be in February.
- The **office will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** in observation of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.
- **Pennies for Hunger** and the **Fellowship Brunch** will be Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Join us at 3 p.m. each Sunday for the **Swahili-English** service!

**SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

First, Asheboro – Collinstown, Westfield –  
Jill Crainshaw, Faculty, Wake Forest Divinity

**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).

Meyer Anthony	Harold Henderson
Larry and Margaret Avent	The Family of Sandy Henderson
Rick Barreau	Judy Herron and Family
The Family of Jim Bodkin	Ann Huffine
Priscilla Christiansen	Jo Anne Jennings
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Sara Kearns
Vicki Duncan	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Bonnie Evans	Marge Mack
The Family of Clyde Fraley	Andy Moyer
Kem Gomo	Garth and Inky Payne
The Family of 'Cile Gorman	Georgia Renfrow
Pat Greeson	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Helen Hall	The Family of Ken Wheat

**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!

**Pastoral Team**  
Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor  
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate  
Prince Mundeke Mushunju, Swahili Service Pastor  
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director  
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator  
Michelle Watkins, Childcare Provider

January 15, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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