

## 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

*inspired by Psalm 8*

Leader: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,  
inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,

**People: we come to worship one, holy God.**

Leader: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**People: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies,  
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

Leader: In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your  
gratitude and joy be made known.

**People: O God, our own God,  
how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

### \*Hymn of Praise #128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *W Zlobie Lezy*

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Most of all, O LORD...

Most of all, O LORD, forgive us...

**People: for we have not learned the lessons of last year, let alone the lessons  
of our histories, and we are still aiming for the holy grail of self-  
preservation to the neglect of loving our neighbors.**

Leader: Most of all, O LORD, be full of grace...

**People: for those we injure and ignore because we are so certain  
that the best thing we can accomplish in the new year is to lose 10  
pounds, update our wardrobes and secure a decent tax rate.**

Leader: Most of all, O LORD, break our hearts...

**People: for we have lost the collective discipline of weeping and gnashing  
our teeth, opting instead for finger-pointing and name-calling and  
gerrymandering for political popularity.**

Leader: Most of all O LORD, be our God...

**People: for we are your people in need of your transforming love and  
grace most of all.**

*Silence is kept for private confession*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: It's over - last year is gone. Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are  
in the past. Today, we begin anew. Today, and every day, God offers  
us life and hope.

**People: Here, now, forever - we are forgiven and healed. This year, let us  
live as such people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### 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.**

### The Word and Wonder with All Ages

**Anthem** “While You Were Sleeping”

By Casting Crowns

**Old Testament scripture:** *Genesis 1:1-3*

**Pew Bible OT, p. 1**

**New Testament Scripture:** *John 1:1-5, 10-14*

**Pew Bible NT, p. 91**

**New Testament Scripture:** *Luke 2:11-14*

**Pew Bible NT, p. 58**

### The Word Declared

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### \*Hymn of Response #142 “‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” *Une Jeune Pucelle*

### Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

May the God of new beginnings be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who makes all things, including us, new.**

Children of God, sing praises to the One who gives you new life.

**We praise the One who continues to surprise us with hope and grace.**

Before there was time, hope of Eternity, You took a moment to bring creation out  
of chaos. You took time to create mountains, and carve deep canyons; You made  
the time to fill the oceans and to plant food for all creatures; You found the time  
to plow rivers to water a Garden, and to shape us in Your image.

But we did not have time for You, preferring to spend our days chasing sin, and  
our nights seeking death. You always made time for us, speaking of Your hopes  
through the prophets, sharing Your dreams through the angels. Then, one day You  
decided to do a new thing, becoming one of us as Jesus become human to bring  
hope and grace to us.

So we join with the saints in heaven, and our sisters and brothers on earth,  
who sing of Your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of every time and space.**

**All creation sings of Your majesty and glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who gives us the water of life.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are You, Keeper of our days, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who is with us in  
every season of life. He comes, not to judge us, but to forgive us; He comes, not  
to cast us out, but to gather us into the new Jerusalem; He comes, not to watch us  
suffer but to die on the cross, that we might live with You.

As we give thanks for his life, and remember his death and resurrection,  
we would talk of that mystery which is our faith:

**Christ died, so sin would have no more power over us; Christ rose,  
destroying death's grip on us; when the new heaven and new earth come,  
Christ will make all things, including us, new.**

And now we lift the prayers of this 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.**

In these sacred moments, send Your Spirit to sanctify the bread and the cup,  
and to open the hearts of those who approach the Table. As the Bread of life  
touches our lips, may we be strengthened to serve those whom the world has  
forgotten. As the Cup of salvation quenches our thirst for You, may we be  
enabled to bring relief to those who wander the desert wastes of our society.

And when all time ends, and all people are gathered around Your Table in  
Heaven, we will rejoice in Your presence, and sing your praises forever:  
One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### Words of Institution

### \*Communion Hymn #507 “Come to the Table of Grace” *Table of Grace*

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace.... 3 love.... 4 hope.... 5 joy

*(Repeat until all are served)*

### 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

### Offertory

“I Pray on Christmas”

by Harry Connick Junior

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

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 #136** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Go Tell It*

**WE GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

Bulletin Acknowledgements

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**INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS**

**January Elders of the Month:** Bonnie Maready and Larry Jones  
**Calendar for January 1 - 8**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
	3:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 A.M.	Missions Group
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Friday:</b>	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 A.M.	Swahili Choir Practice and Prayer
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship
	3:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The **Office will be closed** Monday and Tuesday (January 2 -3).
- Join us at 3 p.m. each Sunday for the **Swahili-English** service!

**SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

Communities of Salem Presbytery – Bethany, Statesville –  
Shallowford, Lewisville – Vandalia, Greensboro

**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).

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| Meyer Anthony                          | Harold Henderson                     |
| Larry and Margaret Avent               | The Family of Sandy Henderson        |
| Rick Barreau                           | Judy Herron and Family               |
| 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 Moye                            |
| 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!

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January 1, 2017 Service for the Lord’s Day  
11:00 A.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

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Stephanie Lindley, Music Director  
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Michelle Watkins, Childcare Provider