

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude Lou Anne Gaffney, piano

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 139*

Leader: We’ve come to worship God,

**People: who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**

Leader: This is our God.

People: Let’s worship together!

***Hymn of Praise #150** “As with Gladness Men of Old” *Dix*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

I've tried to hide from your searching gaze, God of Love: I've climbed mountains, and burrowed deep into earth's caverns; I've fled to the farthest edges of my soul, and longed to sail in my fears to the dark side of the moon. And wherever I go - you are waiting for me! Even in the dimmest corners of my heart, your light is able to find me.

Name your fears, your pain to God in silence...

Lost, I am found; afraid to speak of my sinfulness - you hear my stumbling words before I shape them in my mind; unable to help myself - you redeem me through the gracious love of Jesus Christ, my Lord, my Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out,

God cradles us in comfort;

in moments so dark, we stumble over ourselves,

God lights the way;

in joy which cascades into our souls,

God fills us with healing.

People: Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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.

Scripture: *Exodus 6:1-8* **Pew Bible OT, p. 52**

The Word Declared “Know Who We Are” Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

The Word and Wonder with All Ages “Star Words”

- What scripture or person in the Bible comes to mind when you think of this word?

- Who exemplifies this word in your life?

- How do these testimonies help you find the way?

Anthem

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #156** “Sing of God Made Manifest” *Salzburg*

Statement of Faith – Nicene Creed **Glory to God Hymnal, p. 34**

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 #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*

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Christ, High Point – New Creation Community, Greensboro – First, Boone

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).

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

January Elders of the Month: Bonnie Maready and Larry Jones
Calendar for January 22 - 29

Today:	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
Wednesday:	6:30 P.M.	English Choir
Thursday:	6:30 P.M.	Men’s Prayer Group
	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday:	10:00 A.M.	Swahili Choir Practice and Prayer
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	3:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service

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| 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 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 |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2017 Epiphany Series – “Finding The Way”**
 - 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*
- **Pennies for Hunger** and the **Fellowship Brunch** will be today, Sunday, January 22nd.
- The **reading assignment** for the January 26th meeting of the men’s prayer group / bible study is *Genesis 25:19 – 35:29*
- **Please update your directories**, Inky and Garth Payne have moved apartments to AL-815, the rest of their address is correct.
- Join us at 3 p.m. each Sunday for the **Swahili-English** service!

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 22, 2017 Service for the Lord’s Day
11:00 A.M. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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