

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 #401 “Here In This Place”**

Gather Us In

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.

We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history,

Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;

Gather us in, the proud and the strong;

Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,

Give us the courage to enter the song.

***Call to Worship**

One: We come as people filled with great expectation.

All: We come filled with hopes and dreams.

One: We come with serious questions.

All: We come with doubts that weigh us down.

One: We long for the heavens to open.

All: We need to hear the voice of God,

One: Whispering our names, and telling us again,

All: You are Beloved with whom I am well pleased.

***Hymn of Praise #321 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

Aurelia

Call to Confession

One: We cannot earn God’s grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, you come into the reality of our doubts, breathing peace and forgiveness upon us.

We confess that we have insisted on false certainties, held each other to unrealistic standards, and separated ourselves from the community of faith.

Come to us once again in your grace, that we might see, and touch, and embrace your promise, so we can claim your forgiveness and extend it to others. We pray in your holy name.

(silent prayer for personal confession)

Affirmation of God’s Grace

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news:

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer Response #820 “Nothing Can Trouble”

Nada Te Turbe

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

God alone fills us.

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 with the Children *Mark 9:14-29*

Pew Bible, NT, Page 44

Anthem "Doubting Thomas"

by Chris Thile

Romans 8:24-26; 38-39

Pew Bible, NT, Page 158

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Praying in Doubt”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #795 “Healer of Our Every Ill”** *Healer Of Our Every Ill*

***Affirmation of Faith** "A Brief Statement of Faith"

From PCUSA Book of Confessions

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 "I Look to You"

by Robert Kelly

***Doxology #709 “God, We Honor You”**

Abundant Blessings

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #849**

Everyone Who Longs

“Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God”

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Charge**

***Benediction #765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”**

Argentina

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;

Working, for a world that’s new, faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

February Elders of the Month: Larry Jones and Graham Pope

Calendar for February 28 – March 6

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Pennies for Hunger
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Brunch

Monday: 11:15 A.M. Staff Meeting

Tuesday: No Events

Wednesday:	2:00 P.M.	Mission Group
	6:30 P.M.	Choir Practice

Thursday: 8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous

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Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don't forget about our **Fellowship Brunch at 12 p.m./noon** today following worship! We hope to see you!
- The **Missions group** will resume meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The **next meeting** is scheduled for 2 p.m. on March 2nd. This meeting will include planning and brainstorming for ways to expand this ministry and all those interested in the Mission work of the church are invited to attend.
- **Applications for the Chic Lutz Memorial Scholarship are now available.** Application packets may be picked up outside the church office from the mailbox marked "Scholarship Applications." Awards are in the range of \$500 - \$1500 per applicant. Completed applications should be submitted by April 30th, 2016 to Bonnie Maready.
- We will be starting a **new class on baptism and faith** in the month of March - Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Karen's office. This class will be for adults or older youth who wish to learn more about this sacrament to engage their faith. They will have the opportunity to be baptized or re-affirm their baptism on Palm Sunday, March 20.

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Starmount, Greensboro
First United, Boonville
Larry Freeman, Counselor, Wake Forest Health

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

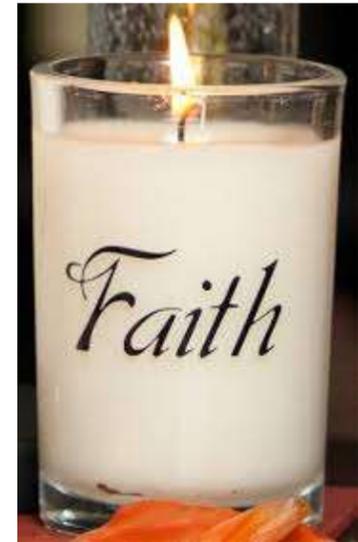
Please be in touch with the office regarding any additions or corrections to the Prayer List. You may call (336.292.5150) or e-mail (faithpresgsonc@gmail.com).

Margaret Avent (Rev. Larry Avent's wife)	Jo Anne Jennings
Rick Barreau	Sara Kearns
Jim Bodkin	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Priscilla Christiansen	Steve Ladds (Laura Maher's colleague)
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Marge Mack
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Andy Moye
Bonnie Evans	Garth and Inky Payne
Kem Gomo	Georgia Renfrow
'Cile Gorman	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Pat Greeson	Stephen Ware (Karen Ware Jackson's father)
Helen Hall	
Harold and Sandy Henderson	
Judy Herron and Family	

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



“Praying in Doubt”

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!

February 28th, 2016
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday in Lent

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