

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 #192 “Shine, Jesus Shine”

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;

set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me; shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are children of God:

People: Breathed with God’s Spirit, made in God’s image.

Leader: We are children of God:

People: Washed in waters of grace, claimed as God’s own.

Leader: We are children of God:

People: Blown by the winds of the Spirit,

with a message to all we meet:

Leader: We are children of God, and so are you.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

Prayer of Confession

Wild, Stirring Spirit, we confess that we would rather you were a tame and predictable. If you would simply stay in one place, we would be so much more comfortable. And so we try to box you in, only hearing what validates our position or idea and refusing to listen to what we do not want to hear. Forgive our limited vision of your work in our lives and the world. Come once more, in any unpredictable way you choose, that all of our rigid habits and half-hearted praise might be swept away in the winds of your grace, in Jesus’ name, (silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Prayer Response #698 “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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.

John 3:1-17

Pew Bible, NT, Page 93-4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word with the Children – It’s the Work of the Wind

The Word Declared: “Landscape of Lent: Wind”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response #501 “Feed Us, Lord”

Feed Us

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Let us pray. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you make the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made your eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

... 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.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and this wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest upon us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Words of Institution

On the night in which he was arrested, our Lord took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, “This is my body- broken for you. Do this remembering me.” And after they had eaten, he took the cup and said, “This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed for you in my blood. All of you, drink of it remembering me.” And so whenever we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death and resurrection, until he comes again.

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

***Doxology #423** “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” v. 1

Saraday

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #291** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Parlor. We are currently pursuing a 6 week study of Lenten hymns. Please come join in the engaging discussion!

March Elders of the Month: Betsy Rule and Graham Pope

Calendar for March 1 - 8

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
Tuesday:	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
Wednesday:	6:00 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
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Lois Bazhaw (1761 Berry Lane, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313). The reading is Chapter 2: *Chewing the Bread of the Word*, of Marjorie Thompson’s “Soul Feast”.

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Join us for our monthly brunch! Every month on the 4th Sunday, we head down to the fellowship hall after worship for yummy food and good conversation.

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



Second Sunday in Lent

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 **family worship space** available for children and adults at the front of the sanctuary. **Are you curious about all the fun the kids are having up front?** 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!

March 1st, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord’s Day
2nd Sunday in Lent

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