

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

Psalm 146

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God,

O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Crusaders' Hymn

Prayer of Confession

God of Wholeness, we confess that we are fractured and scattered. We think we see clearly, but too often our pride blinds us. We perceive others as less than ourselves. We look down on those whom we think do not work hard enough, and we make false comparisons. We do not see our neighbors as our brothers and sisters. Forgive us. Forgive us for not viewing others the way You view all of us, as Your children. Call us again to the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Call us to seek their well-being and to see their full value. In the name of Christ, who forgives and restores us all, we pray, (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.

Hebrew Scriptures – Genesis 2:4b-7

Pew Bible, OT, Page 2

The Word with the Children *Gospel – John 9:1-11*

Prayer of Illumination #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" v. 1 *Open My Eyes*

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Gospel – John 9:13-17, 24-41

Pew Bible, NT, Page 102-103

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem "In You"

by Bart Millard

The Word Declared: "Landscape of Lent: Mud"

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #314 "Christ, Be Our Light"

Christ, Be Our Light

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

**Sections 1 and 4
Glory to God Hymnal, p. 37**

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 "Fall, Slow Tears"

by Ruth Elaine Schram

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

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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 #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Chereponi

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Bulletin Acknowledgements

Today's Prayer of Confession is by Rev. Whitney Wilkinson.

The image on the bulletin cover is from <http://imgkid.com/earth-heart-hands.shtml/>

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

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

Children's Sunday School will begin after Easter. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Bonnie Maready (bbmaready12@triad.rr.com).

We are exploring a **confirmation class** to offer **faith formation for youth** (grades 7-12). Please contact our Pastor, Karen (karenjack@gmail.com), if you know a young person who might be interested in exploring their faith and learning more about what it means to be part of Christian community in a church.

March Elders of the Month: Betsy Rule and Graham Pope

Calendar for March 15 - 22

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
Tuesday:	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
Wednesday:	6:30 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, Pennies for Hunger
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Brunch

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Baird's Creek Church, Vilas
Yanceyville Church, Yanceyville
Allen Temple Church, Cleveland

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).

Priscilla Christiansen	Marge Mack
Fran Cuthbertson	Pat Magnuson
Bonnie Evans	Lisa Moran
Kem Gomo	Andy Moye
'Cile Gorman	Garth Payne
Pat Greeson	Georgia Renfrow
Helen Hall	Betty and Jim Rissmiller
Harold Henderson	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Campbell (3-A Cactus Court). The reading is Chapter 3 of Marjorie Thompson's "Soul Feast".
- Applications for the **Chic Lutz Memorial Scholarship** are now available! You can pick one up outside the church office. This scholarship is an award with a range in the amount of \$500.00 up to \$1,500.00. The deadline for completed applications to be turned in is April 30th, 2015. Contact Bonnie Maready with any questions!

Do you want to know more about the new life happening at Faith?

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Sign up for our weekly email update! Give us your email on the friendship pad, or contact faithpresgsonc@gmail.com to get on the list. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Check out our website www.faithpresgso.org – for more information about who we are and what we believe, as well as weekly updates of bulletins and monthly newsletters

Grab a newsletter! You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website.

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



Landscape of Lent: Mud

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!

Pastoral Team
Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator

March 15th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Lent

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