

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Peace

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.

*Gathering Music #246 “Christ is Alive!” v.5

Truro

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
‘til earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day:

**People: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

**People: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

Leader: This is the day - Easter Day!

People: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

*Hymn of Praise #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

Call to Confession

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, frightened friends came to bury the dead, and discovered something amazing: an empty tomb, a risen Christ, the good news alive forever! Early in the morning, let us confess the ways we work for death, so that we too might find new life:

Prayer of Confession

On this first day of the week, Emptier of tombs, we must admit that we have not lived faithfully the last few days. It is not that we have done great evil; we simply have failed to do good. It is not so much that we have caused hurt, but we have not brought healing. It is not that we have trouble believing in the event of Easter, we have difficulty speaking about this day to our friends and neighbors.

Call us by name, Redeemer of all creation, so we might hear your words of mercy. You have not given us over to despair, but handed us hope. You have not ignored our emptiness, but filled us with the Bread of Heaven. You do not hand us over to death, but raise us to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. *(silent prayer for personal confession)*

Affirmation of God’s Grace

Leader: This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless,
death is defeated forever. Friends, let us not only believe, but share
the grace of God:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Prayer Response #250 “Hymn of Promise”

Promise

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Speaking The Word

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Gospel – John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, NT, p. 114

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Anthem “The Risen Lamb”

by Nancy Gordan & Marty Parks

Exploring The Word “Jesus the Gardener”

Anthem “Everlasting Holy God”

by Mary McDonald

Declaring The Word: “Planted”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Hymn to Joy

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 “Redeemer”

by Nicole C. Mullen

*Doxology #591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Alive, Forever, Amen!" by Travis Cottrell, David Moffitt & Sue Smith

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise

Worthy is the One Who has overcome the grave

Let the people dance, let the people sing

Worthy is the mighty King

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

Please follow us out onto the lawn to place flowers in our resurrection cross. Stay and celebrate the risen Christ with lemonade, cookies, and an Easter egg hunt.

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

March Elders of the Month: Kelly Maher and Bob Waugh

Calendar for March 27 – April 3

Today: 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 A.M. Worship
12:00 P.M. Flowering the Cross, Egg Hunt, Snacks on the lawn

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: No Events

Wednesday: 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

- The **office will be closed** tomorrow, Monday, March 28th.
- **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.

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Baird's Creek, Vilas – Yanceyville – Allen Temple, Cleveland -
Peacehaven Farm, Buck Cochran, Exec. Dir.

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).

Rick Barreau	Jo Anne Jennings
Jim Bodkin	Sara Kearns
Priscilla Christiansen	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Steve Ladds (Laura Maher's colleague)
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Marge Mack
Vicki Duncan	Andy Moyer
Bonnie Evans	Garth and Inky Payne
Clyde Fraley	Georgia Renfrow
Kem Gomo	Dr. John Saunders (friend of Larry and Sandy Jones)
'Cile Gorman	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Pat Greeson	Stephen Ware (Karen Ware Jackson's father)
Helen Hall	The Family of Ken Wheat
Harold and Sandy Henderson	
Judy Herron and Family	

Bulletin Acknowledgements

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator
Michelle Watkins, Childcare Provider



“Planted”

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!

March 27, 2016
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
Easter

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