

## 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 come to worship carrying many things:

**People: We come bringing hope for a message of grace.**

Leader: We come brimming with love for our friends.

**People: We come overflowing with praise!**

Leader: We come singing songs of joy!

**People: We come to worship to empty our hearts of all that is beautiful!**

### \*Hymn of Praise #191 “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

*Brewer*

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: We come to worship carrying many things, not all of them beautiful.

**People: We cling to fear and anxiety, as if worry can save us.**

Leader: We bear the burdens of regret, for things done, and things left undone.

**People: We carry sadness for the empty seats at your table.**

Leader: We cannot let go of anger and shame.

**People: We come to worship to empty our hearts of all that is broken...**

*(silent prayer for personal confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen carefully dear friends, *Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (Phil 2:6-8)*

This is our God, emptied for us. That we might experience the fullness of God's grace and love. Hear and believe the good news:

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

### Prayer Response #227 “Jesus, Remember Me”

*Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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### \*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.**

## 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.**

2 Kings 4:1-7

**Pew Bible, OT, Page 334**

### The Word with the Children

**Anthem** “Empty Jar”

by Tegan Wiseman

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Word Declared: “An Empty Jar”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### 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 Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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.

*(take a few minutes to pour out your heart before God. You may write on the notebook paper your fears and worries, your shame and regret, and even your thankfulness and praise.)*

### 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.**

### Words of Institution

### \*Communion Hymn #527 “Eat This Bread”

*Berthier*

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

*(Repeat until all are served)*

### 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 “Fall, Slow Tears”

by Ruth Elaine Schram

### \*Doxology #595 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Argentine Santo*

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### \*Closing Hymn #177 “I Will Come To You”

*You Are Mine*

## 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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Women’s Circle** will next meet on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to continue the “Come to the Waters” discussion and bible study.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to Bonnie Maready.

**March Elders of the Month:** Larry Jones and Graham Pope

**Calendar for March 6 - 13**

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:30 A.M.	Baptism & Faith Class
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
<b>Monday:</b>	11:15 A.M.	Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	11:00 A.M.	Women’s Circle
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Friday:</b>	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:30 A.M.	Baptism & Faith Class
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship

**SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

Kent Berry – Counselor  
Tabor, Harmony  
First, Burlington  
Lloyd, Winston-Salem

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

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

**WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN**



**“An Empty Jar”**

**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!

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March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Service for the Lord’s Day  
11:00 A.M. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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