

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 #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *Madrid*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

*Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

People: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

People: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

People: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Leader: Come here, sisters and brothers!

People: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

*Hymn of Praise #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" *Duke Street*

Prayer of Adoration *Psalms 30*

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷**By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

⁸To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: ⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?" ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹**You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy, ¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Prayer Response #266 "Joy to the World" *Richmond*

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Let earth receive her king.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing.

Prayers of the People

"We pray to you, O Lord, for you are good;
your mercy endures forever. "

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.**

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.

Acts 9:1-20

Pew Bible, NT, p. 127

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Word and Wonder with All Ages

Anthem "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wise

The Word Declared "A Street Called Straight"

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #662** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *Ratisbon*

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory "Living in the Promiseland" by David Lynn Jones

***Doxology #609** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

***Affirmation of Faith** "It's Still about Jesus"

a poem by Ann Weems

No matter how we dilute the word of God,

It's about Jesus.

Now matter how we cover the dangerous Truth of the gospel,

It's about Jesus.

No matter how we pretty up the story,

It's about Jesus.

No matter how many times we go to our national assemblies and vote,

It's still about Jesus.

No matter how many times we distract ourselves with meetings

and church work and the good old Stewardship Campaign,

**It's still about Jesus,
Jesus, the Lamb of God,
Jesus, the Light of the world,
Jesus, the Bread of Life,
Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
Jesus, the One chosen to bring good news the poor,
Jesus, the One sent to proclaim liberty to the captives and to set free
the oppressed.**

Jesus is my shepherd

I shall not

I shall not want.

***Closing Hymn #849**

Everyone Who Longs

"Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God"

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge

*Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

April Elders of the Month: Lois Bazhaw and Bonnie Maready

Calendar for April 10 - 17

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

Monday: 11:15 A.M. Staff Meeting

Tuesday: 11:00 A.M. Women's Circle

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
4:00 P.M. Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Upcoming Worship Services - Let's Party!**

We're celebrating the resurrection with a fun new series:

- April 24 - Beach Party! - Wear your Hawaiian shirts and flip flops and join us for the story of Jonah - a man who found a new calling on the beach. Well also have our 4th Sunday brunch after worship.
- May 1 - Garden Party - We'll be celebrating the gifts of our community garden. More information to come.
- May 8 - Baby Shower - Celebrate Mother's Day by caring for babies! We'll be collecting items for our refugee moms, and we particularly recommend diapers in sizes 2 and 3. Talk to Karen for info on who has the good deals and coupons ;)
- May 15 - Pentecost - Birthday Party for the Church - Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church with us!

- **Women's Circle** will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12th.

- As many as 8000 people in Guilford County may have lost their SNAP benefits (food stamps), putting even more pressure on Greensboro Urban Ministry to feed one of the hungriest counties in the nation. Please keep our neighbors in your prayers and pick up a little extra at the grocery store if you can.

- 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.

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SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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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).

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



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!

April 10, 2016
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday of Easter

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