

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 “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all—

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Word of life spoke:

People: so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

Leader: The Word of life reached out:

People: so we could touch the hope which heals us.

Leader: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

People: so we could follow him into life forever.

*Hymn of Praise # 260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hyfrydol

Prayer of Adoration

Emptier of Tombs: you raised Jesus from the grave so all fears might be banished; so the locked doors of our hearts could be flung open; so our quivering lips could declare what we have seen and heard. Bright Glory of God: as you stood in the middle of your friends on that first Easter night, come among us now, in this time and place, showing us that death and sin no longer stand in the way of our life with you. Breath of Peace: strengthen us so we may stand with all who fear life; take our hands in yours, so we may serve all who are broken with grief; inspire us to share the grace which has been breathed into our very souls. God in Community, Holy in One, hear our prayer. Amen.

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.

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.

The Word with the Children “Doubting Thomas” from *Spark Story Bible*

Anthem “Doubting Thomas”

by Chris Thile

What will be left when I've drawn my last breath

Besides the folks I've met and the folks who know me

Will I discover a soul saving love or

Just the dirt above and below me?

I'm a doubting Thomas, I took a promise

I do not feel safe , O' me of little faith

Sometimes I pray for a slap in the face

Then I beg to be spared cause I'm a coward

If there's a master of death I bet he's holding his breath

Cause I show the blind and tell the deaf

About his power

I'm a doubting Thomas, I can't keep my promises

Cause I don't know what's safe, O' me of little faith

Can I be used to help others find truth

When I'm scared that I'll find proof that it's a lie

Can I be led down a trail dropping bread crumbs

To prove I'm not ready to die

Please give me time to decipher the signs

Please forgive me for time that I've wasted

I'm a doubting Thomas, I'll take your promise

Though I know nothing's safe, O' me of little faith

O' me of little faith

Gospel – John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, NT, Page 115

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt” Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response #257 “The Risen Christ”

Woodlands

*Affirmation of Faith “Apostles’ Creed”

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

Prayer Response - "Waiting with Thomas"

We will be waiting, Lord on days we cannot find You; generations down from witnessing the sealed gape in Your side, and two healed hands extended before Thomas, so eager to hold them and hear how it was for You... "Tell me, Lord, how did You endure?" because, in Your absence, Thomas grieved and feared, ran and hid and in his mind traveled far, so far...Struggling his way to a new reality where he chose You and remembered again what he had decided was worth living and dying for - to have the chance to get another glimpse of You one more miracle to be seen through his eyes, through his own two eyes that longed to see again...because he believed more than he doubted that You were who said You were and did what You said You would do. Bless Your people,

who believe greater than we doubt; who are afraid until we remember, who long to behold You. Give us the strength of Thomas, the resolve to wait with hope, Grant us the faith to see.

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 “Roll Away the Stone”

by Ford Turrell

*Doxology #605 “Praise to God the Father”

Da N’ase

Praise to God the Father; Praise to God the Son.

Praise to God the Spirit; Praise to the Three-in-One.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to the God Almighty; Praise to the Holy One.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #276 “Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

Sing a New Song

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 discussing “What Our Neighbors Believe,” a series on various Christian denominations. Please join us!

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.

April Elders of the Month: Betty Rissmiller and Bonnie Maready

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Bethany Church, Statesville
Unity Church, Woodleaf
Wentworth Church, Reidsville

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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| Priscilla Christiansen | Harold Henderson |
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| Chris Gladstone | Andy Moye |
| Kem Gomo | Garth Payne |
| 'Cile Gorman | Georgia Renfrow |
| Pat Greeson | Betty and Jim Rissmiller |
| Helen Hall | |

Calendar for April 12 - 19

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| Today: | 9:30 A.M. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Coffee and Conversation |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Worship |
| | 5:00 P.M. | Session Meeting |
| Tuesday: | 10:00 A.M. | Chair Exercise |
| | 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 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Women's Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m.
- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jim and Betty Rissmiller (1007 Waccamaw Way). The assignment is Chapter 3 of Marjorie Thompson's "Soul Feast".

- **Staffing Announcements:** Beverly (Office Administrator) will be away for vacation April 20th – 24th and will return to the office on Monday, April 27th. Rev. Karen Ware Jackson will be away for vacation April 29th – May 5th and will return to the office on Wednesday, May 6th.
- **Sunday, April 26** we will celebrate "**Breakfast on the Beach with Jesus**" (John 21:1-14). Since our worship will have a "beach party" feel, you are invited to wear clothing that fits the theme.
- 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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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.

Pastoral Team

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

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



"Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt"

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!

April 12th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Easter

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