

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: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Hymn of Praise #265 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Duke Street

Prayer of Adoration

When we are blinded by anger, you pour out your love for all to see; when we wonder what tomorrow will bring, you call us to trust in you; when sadness fills our hearts, you plant gladness in our hearts. God of Easter: touch us with your grace. You show us your hands, so we may reach out to mend the broken; you show us your feet, so we may walk with those the world passes by; you show us your face, so we may know who our sisters and brothers look like. Risen Christ: touch us with your compassion. You open our eyes, so we may see God's love; you open our minds, so we may welcome God's Word; you open our lips, so we may be God's witnesses. Spirit of Hope: touch us with your peace. God in Community, Holy in One, open us to your presence, 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 – Luke 24:13-35 “Journey to Emmaus”

Anthem “Road to Emmaus”

by Jason Upton

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Recognizing Jesus”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #252** “Day of Arising”

Raabe

***Affirmation of Faith** “Apostles’ Creed”

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the

Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was

crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God

the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the

dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion

of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life

everlasting. Amen.

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.

“**He made himself known in the breaking of the bread**”

a reflection
by William Loader

When the giant rock split, there at its heart was a miracle:

a tiny creature millions of years old saw the light that once shone on its soft skin,
the mysterious treasure of an ancient fossil.

The freshly baked loaf crackled and split, its warm soft whiteness filling the room
with appetite and fingers reaching out to pull strips of warm yeast laden bread,
break off crisp and crunchy crusts or cut fresh slices for melting butter.

The broken heart offers no such delights: lives turn grey with suffering,
eyes sullen with pain, hope withdrawn into deep sockets, shrunken bodies seeking
dissolution and hope far, far away.

Yet into our darkness shines a new light: a life poured out many times
before its final brokenness, a giving much more generous than soldiers could take;
eyes which loved with divine love, compassion that crossed the boundaries.

We take his life in our hands, we break and wonder.

The miracle of ancient life becomes contemporary, rising from the stone.

The brokenness offers risen life, crosses our forbidden boundaries,

and takes our life in his hands.

And our hearts burn within us on the way as we see millions of years into
the heart of God.

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

by Paul Baloche

***Doxology #609** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

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

***Closing Hymn #762** “When the Poor Ones”

El Camino

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge

***Benediction** “Walk Softly”

by Boe Harris-Nakakakena

Leader: When joy fills us

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When our hearts are rejoicing

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When we recognize Jesus sits, walks and stands beside us

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When we hear of pain and suffering of others

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When hearts are stricken by grief

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When all around us is attacking our faith

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When doubt fills our days

People: We will walk softly

Leader: When others are watching

People: We will walk softly

Leader: As we lead others into the path of righteousness for His name's sake

People: We will walk softly

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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 soon. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Bonnie Maready (bbmaready12@triad.rr.com).

April Elders of the Month: Betty Rissmiller and Bonnie Maready

Calendar for April 19 - 26

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

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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New Salem Church, Stony Point
Bethesda Church, Ruffin
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

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

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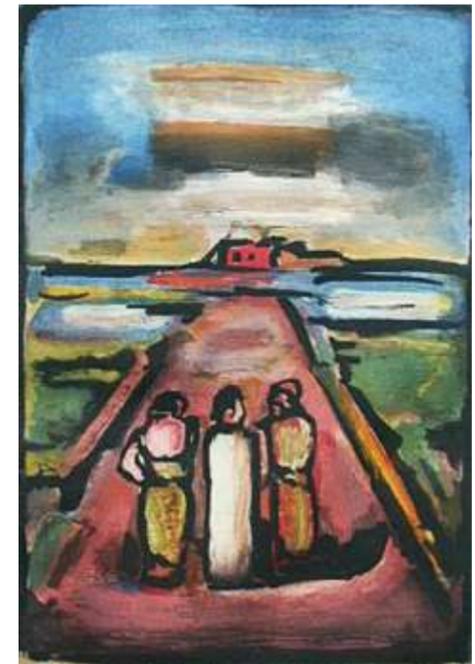
Grab a newsletter! You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website.

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



"Recognizing Jesus"

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 19th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

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

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