

## 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 #591** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Halle, Halle*

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: All of creation rejoices and sings

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!**

Leader: But the people look down, at themselves, at their own lives

**People: Look up, O People, and sing for joy!**

Leader: We are called to celebrate and share the Good News

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!**

Leader: Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord, Creator of Heaven and Earth

**People: Look up, O People, and sing for joy!**

Leader: Call out, sing out, share the Good News that Christ is Risen!

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**\*Hymn of Praise #623** “I’ve Got Peace like a River”

*Peace Like A River*

**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.**

## 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 Story - God Calls Jonah - Jonah, Ch. 1**

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

**Prayer for Deliverance - From the Belly of the Fish -Jonah, Ch. 2**

**“I called out to the Lord in my distress, and he answered me.**

**From the belly of the underworld I cried out for help;  
you have heard my voice.**

**You had cast me into the depths in the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounds me.**

**All your strong waves and rushing water passed over me.**

**So I said, ‘I have been driven away from your sight.**

**Will I ever again look on your holy temple?**

**Waters have grasped me to the point of death; the deep surrounds me.**

**Seaweed is wrapped around my head**

**at the base of the undersea mountains.**

**I have sunk down to the underworld; its bars held me with no end in sight. But you brought me out of the pit.’**

**When my endurance was weakening, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, to your holy temple.**

**Those deceived by worthless things lose their chance for mercy**

**But me, I will offer a sacrifice to you with a voice of thanks.**

**That which I have promised, I will pay.**

**Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”**

**Anthem** “In the Belly of the Whale”

by Steve Taylor & Peter Furler

**The Story- God Saves Nineveh – Jonah, Ch. 3**

Rev. Jim Rissmiller

**Prayer Response #591** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Halle, Halle*

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**The Story - God Loves – Jonah, Ch. 4**

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Response #185** “Lonely The Boat”

*Bai*

**Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

**Offertory** “Don’t Go Near the Water”

by Mike Love & Al Jardine

**\*Doxology #591** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Halle, Halle*

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**\*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 #22** “God of the Sparrow”

*Roeder*

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

### Bulletin Acknowledgements

The Benediction is adapted from Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan.

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## INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

**April Elders of the Month:** Lois Bazhaw and Bonnie Maready

### **Calendar for April 24 – May 1**

<b>Today:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	11:15 A.M.	Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>		No Events
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2:00 P.M.	Mission Group
	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
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
	3:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- May 1 - Garden Party - We'll worship outside and celebrate the gifts of our community garden.
- 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!

- Please join us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for the inaugural **Swahili-English service** at Faith Presbyterian, led by Prince Mundeke Mushunju!
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to Bonnie Maready.

### SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Bethesda, Stoneville  
Second Presbyterian, Lexington

### 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 Moye
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	

### 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



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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April 24, 2016 Service for the Lord's Day  
11:00 A.M. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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