

## 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 #411 “God Is Here Today”

*Dios Esta Aqui*

God is here today; As certain as the air I breath,  
As certain as the morning sun that rises,  
As certain when I sing you’ll hear my song. (repeat)

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ said, “This is my commandment: love one another.”

**People: We come to worship the God who is love, so that we may learn to love one another.**

Leader: Christ said, “No longer do I call you servants; but now I call you my friends.”

**People: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.**

Leader: Let us sing praise to this God.

**People: And live in love and friendship toward all humanity.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Dix*

### Prayer of Adoration

**Ruler of all nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow before you. You exalt the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable are challenged and chastened. As your wisdom led our parents in the past, open our eyes to the testimony of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Litany of Affirmation

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**People: If we love one another, God lives in us.**

Leader: God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent Jesus Christ into the world.

**People: If we love one another, God lives in us.**

Leader: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**People: If we love one another, God lives in us.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**People: If we love one another, God lives in us.**

### Prayer Response #288 “Spirit of the Living God”

*Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## 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.**

*First Lesson – 1 John 4:7-12*

**Pew Bible, NT, Page 240**

**Anthem** “Mighty to Save”

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

*Second Lesson - John 15:1-17*

**Pew Bible, NT, Page 109**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### The Word with the Children

**The Word Declared:** “Love: Human and Divine”

Rev. Jim Rissmiller

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that at the Lord’s Supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ’s life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread. He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.**

**In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death. So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast of his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

### \*Hymn of Response #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Chereponi*

### Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

May the God of searches be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bring your hearts to the One who loves you.

**We offer them so God may plant fruit-bearing seeds in them.**

Lift songs of praise to our God.

**We will join our hearts and voices in proclaiming, “God has done it!”**

“Get up,” you cried to your Word and Spirit, “and go down the wilderness road to chaos.” And so they went, calling forth life out of nothingness planting seeds that branched into vines, pouring clear water into earth’s hollows, crafting us in your imaginative image. You showed all of this to us, with delight in your heart, but we did not understand what we were seeing, and so chose death and sin to be our guides in this life. Though we loved you last, you loved us first, sending your prophets to declare all you had done, but we continued to abide in the tangled briars of temptation. So you sent Jesus to us, the One who would bear your fruit of salvation and hope for all your children. With those who seem to intuit your hearts, with those seeking to understand your hopes, we lift our songs of thanksgiving to you.

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of eunuchs and evangelists.**

**All creation bears fruit in glorifying you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to abide in us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Love is your language of holiness, Branch weaving God, And Jesus Christ, our Savior is the true Vine of your heart. When we were wandering lost and alone, trying to understand what we were doing, he crossed over glory to join us in this journey we know as life. When we could do nothing to prevent our bondage to sin, he came to set us free. When we could not learn how to make things right with you, he went down the wilderness road into the cold tomb of death, so, as your raised him to new life, he might proclaim to us, “God has done it!” As we seek to abide in Jesus, as we long to bear fruit in the kingdom, we speak of the mystery known as faith:

**Christ died, that we might live through him;**

**Christ was raised, that he might live through you;**

**Christ will come, that all might live through eternity with you.**

Abide in us at this Table, as you pour out your Spirit on the gifts of the bread and cup, and on your children gathered in this place. The broken bread reminds us that you loved us first so that, as we eat of it, we might put the needs of the hungry, the searching, the hurting, the lonely before our own. The cup of grace nourishes us so we can go over and join the oppressed and the outcasts, intertwining our branches with theirs,

so we all become part of the Vine of justice and of hope. Then, when we no longer sleep in death, but are gathered around your Table with our sisters and brothers of all time and places, we will join in singing with one voice and heart, “You have done it, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.”

### 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 Hymns #509** “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

**#519** “You are My Strength When I Am Weak”

**#527** “Eat This Bread”

### 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** “Peace in the Neighborhood”

Paul McCartney

**\*Doxology** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Avery and Marsh*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn #741** “Guide My Feet”

*Guide My Feet*

## WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

### \*Charge

**\*Benediction #710** “We Lift Our Voices “

*We Are An Offering*

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;

We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;

Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;

We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;

We are an offering.

### Postlude

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

Bulletin Acknowledgements

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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 pursuing a study of other Christian denominations called "What Our Neighbors Believe" from The Thoughtful Christian. Please come join in the engaging discussion!

**Children's Sunday School** will begin soon. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Bonnie Maready ([bbmaready12@triad.rr.com](mailto:bbmaready12@triad.rr.com)).

### May Elder of the Month: Graham Pope

#### Calendar for May 3 - 10

<b>Today:</b>	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
<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
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship

#### 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](mailto:faithpresgsonc@gmail.com)).

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#### SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Trinity Church, Elon  
Mt. Vernon Church, Woodleaf  
Riverview Church, Eden

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Staffing Announcement:** Rev. Karen Ware Jackson will be away for vacation April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> and will return to the office on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Jones (5927 Ballinger Road). We will discuss Chapter 5 of *Soul Feast* "Reclaiming Sabbath Time."
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** during worship on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to attend.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we head down to the fellowship hall after worship for yummy food and good conversation.

## WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



### *"Love: Human and Divine"*

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!

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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