

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

Ralph Bazhaw

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Festal Song

Prayer of Adoration

Imaginative God, you spoke, and your Word carved towering peaks and cascading streams; your breath stirred chaos, and stars glimmer in the long night, the sun trumpets new life—you are Creation's Architect!

Jesus Christ, the poor and needy praise you, for you are their brother; little children climb into your lap, for you are their safety; sinners whisper your name, for you are our hope—you are the Word made Flesh!

Spirit of Holiness, you are the bracing wind that drives away our sins; you are the fire that cleanses us by dancing in our hearts; you are the morning dew that moistens our desert lips—you are the Breath of God!

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our praise to you. Amen.

Prayer Response #288 "Spirit of the Living God"

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

Hebrew Scriptures – Genesis 12:1-4a

Pew Bible, OT, Page 10

Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible, NT, Page 34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word with the Children

Anthem #746 "Thuma mina"

Thuma Mina

The Word Declared: "Go. Be. Love."

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #726** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Kelvingrove

***Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

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

Avery & 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 #749** "Come! Live in the Light!"

We Are Called

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

Today's Liturgist is Ralph Bazhaw. The Call to Worship is from Lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com. The Prayer of Adoration is by Rev. Thom Shuman, [Lectionary Worship Aids Series VIII, Cycle A](http://LectionaryWorshipAidsSeriesVIII,CycleA). The image on the bulletin cover is "The Great Commission" from ebonyjohanna.com.

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).

May Elder of the Month: Graham Pope

Calendar for May 10 - 17

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
Monday:	7:00 P.M.	Bread and Wine with Jesus
Tuesday:	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
	11:00 A.M.	Women's Circle
Wednesday:	2:00 P.M.	Session
	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, Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Jones (5927 Ballinger Road). We will discuss Chapter 5 of *Soul Feast* "Reclaiming Sabbath Time."
- **Women's Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m.
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** after worship on Sunday, May 17th. Please make plans to attend.

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Clemmons Church, Clemmons
Taylorsville Church, Taylorsville
Stony Creek Church, Burlington

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

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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.

"The Wide Spectrum of Mothering"
by Amy Young, <http://messymiddle.com>

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you.
To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.
To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you.
To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you.
To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.
To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you.
To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.
To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you.
To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you.
To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.
To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.
To those who have aborted children – we remember them and you on this day.
To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.
To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths.
To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.
To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.
To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.
And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising – we anticipate with you.
This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.

Pastoral Team

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

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



"Go. Be. Love."

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 10th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday of Easter

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