

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

Laura Maher

Leader: Let us sing....

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

People: Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

*Hymn of Praise #634 "To God Be the Glory"

To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Adoration

Giver of power and strength, you take a rag-tag bunch of denying disciples and feckless followers, creating a new community of servants who seek to do your will. Keeper of all time, you are enthroned on the rubble of death's shattered power, calling us to your side and giving us a new vocation, by which we serve the broken of the communities in which we live.

Constant Presence of hope, you strengthen us so we never give in while confronted by evil; you continually pray for us that we never quit when faith proves to be more of a challenge than we imagined.

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our hearts in prayer 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.

The Word with the Children

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible, NT, Page 111

Anthem "Are We the Waiting"

Green Day

Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible, NT, Page 118

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: "Waiting with God"

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

Video "I am Present in the Wait"

The Work of the People

I am present in the wait.

and I bless your longing to recall

days of agreement, of certainty

where light roamed freely

and we interacted and exchanged effortlessly—

deep inside, the memory is still there...

those days in the womb of eden

where I fed you and warmed you

and attended all your needs.

where we touched unceasingly

and you truly felt Me.

things are different, I know.

rest assured, I bless it.

even during seasons where the light is dim,

My presence remains

prompting seers to lead the blind,

to take up hands with those paralyzed

and wait for a great unseen.

the waters will break,

the passageway will open

and just as I promised...

He will come.

Rest assured, He is coming.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #543 "O Christ, Surround Me"

Green Tyler

*Affirmation of Faith "Nicene Creed"

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

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 #332 "The Right Hand of God"

La Mano De Dios

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 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 17 – 24

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Congregational Meeting
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday (May 24th) we will collect **Pennies for Hunger** during worship and have our **Fellowship Brunch** at 12 noon immediately following the service. Please join us!
- Next Sunday (May 24th), we will collect a **special Pentecost offering** for children and youth.
 - 60% of the funds we collect will go to support national programs like the Young Adult Volunteer Program - where young adults (20-30yrs) spend a year serving in communities around the US and around the world. Our Pastor - Karen Ware Jackson - served for two years in Hollywood, CA as part of the YAV program. It was deeply formational for her life and ministry.
 - 40% of the money will stay right here at Faith Presbyterian to support our children and youth with supplies for our family worship area, Sunday school curriculum, and bibles.
- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will next meet on Monday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Lois Bazhaw (1761 Berry Lane, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313). We will discuss Chapter 6 of *Soul Feast* "Reclaiming Sabbath Time."
- We will have a **New Member Group meeting** on June 7th and June 14th, 9:30am-10:30am in the Parlor. We'll talk about what it means to join this church and all will be invited to join on Sunday, June 14th in worship. If you'd like to be a part of this group, or if you'd like to hear more about joining this congregation, please talk to Karen - karenjack@gmail.com

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

First Presbyterian, Lexington
Calvary Church, Statesville
Stoneville Church, Stoneville

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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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



"Waiting with God"

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 17th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday of Easter

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