

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 #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

*Call to Worship

ONE: We come to this place of prayer,

**ALL: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.**

ONE: We come to this place of grace,

**ALL: for here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.**

ONE: We come with these people called the church,

ALL: to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

*Hymn of Praise #361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation" *Aurelia*

Prayer of Adoration

In your presence, Creator of the Universe, mountains melt into muddy puddles and stars whisper your name to us. Faithfulness and justice are the scuffed shoes you put on each morning, clouds are your prayer shawl in the evening.

When you could have kept God's glory in your pocket, Servant of the poor, you took it out and spent it on us. Confident in that love which was yours before the world began spinning, you came to walk the dusty path of death. Spirit of Blessing, like a mother you keep your eyes on us as we cross the busy streets of life, ready to pull us out of the way of oncoming sin. You take us by the hand to lead us to the shade of the tree of life.

God in Community, Holy in One, make us one Body from many individuals, help us to live as you family. Amen.

Prayer Response #471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" *Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to 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.

John 17:20-26

Pew Bible, NT, p. 111

Word and Wonder for All Ages "God's Dream" Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Congregational Hymn #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" *Chereponi*

The Word Declared "A Mother's Dream" Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #300 "We Are One in the Spirit" *They'll Know We Are Christians*

Mission to Refugee Mothers, Fathers, and Children - Elder Lois Bazhaw

Offertory *Instrumental Solo* Justin Cowen, Piano

*Doxology #591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" *Halle, Halle*

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

ONE: Gracious God, you are the Creator of all that is, that was and that shall be. You have imparted to all of us your Holy Spirit, a Spirit of empowerment and love.

ALL: As we celebrate your love, we lift to you our mothers, whether they birthed us or adopted us. May your Guiding Spirit be with all the beautiful, strong women of faith who have mothered us along our journey.

ONE: Now we also call forth your compassion on every mother who has been unable to carry your love and who has caused pain and suffering in the lives of their families. We lift to you these mothers, so imperfect, so wounded by the world.

ALL: We lift to you every mother who has watched her child die of hunger or illness, all who struggle under conditions of violence or poverty, and all whose dreams of mothering have come undone. May you comfort them, and may you empower us to work for a better world!

ONE: We lift to you every woman who has yet to be named mother though she desperately desires that title; may you fill their hearts with peace and our hearts with compassion for those whom barrenness is not a spiritual category, but a physical reality.

ALL: We ask, Loving Creator, that you would bless and walk alongside those women who feel no call to parenting, that you would chasten our hearts from judgment and lead us to celebrate the calls and choices of all our sisters in the kingdom.

ONE: Christ taught us that a woman's value came not in her womb but in her obedience to the Word of God. May we echo Christ's teaching and value all women and the paths they walk.

ALL: We lift to you our Mother Earth and ask for your guidance as we strive to protect, cherish and steward her body.

ONE: We lift to you our Mother Church that has borne us through times of joy and hardship and which sends us out, empowered to serve Your kingdom.

ALL: We praise you, O God, for your mother's heart, and we pray that this day you will help each of us to be your blessing of love.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving and joy...

We pray for those we are sick or suffering...

We pray for those who grieve...

We pray for the leaders of our community, nation, and world...

We pray for the church...

... 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.

*Closing Hymn #301 "Let Us Build a House" *Two Oaks*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

May Elders of the Month: Graham Pope and Larry Jones

Calendar for May 8 - 15

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service
Monday:	11:15 A.M.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 P.M.	English Choir Practice
Thursday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday:	10:00 A.M.	Swahili Choir Practice and Prayer
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	3:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- 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. each Sunday, for the **Swahili-English service** at Faith Presbyterian, led by Prince Mundeke Mushunju!

- You're invited! Create Worship and Wonder, May 23 – 25, 2016. **"Seasons of the Spirit" Curriculum Development Event.** Join us as we delve into the texts for Lent and Easter 2018 and inspire intergenerational worship and education.

Monday, May 23: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Come for one or all of the sessions! Childcare available upon request. Lunch and snacks provided.

RSVP: faithpresgsonc@gmail.com, 336.292.5704

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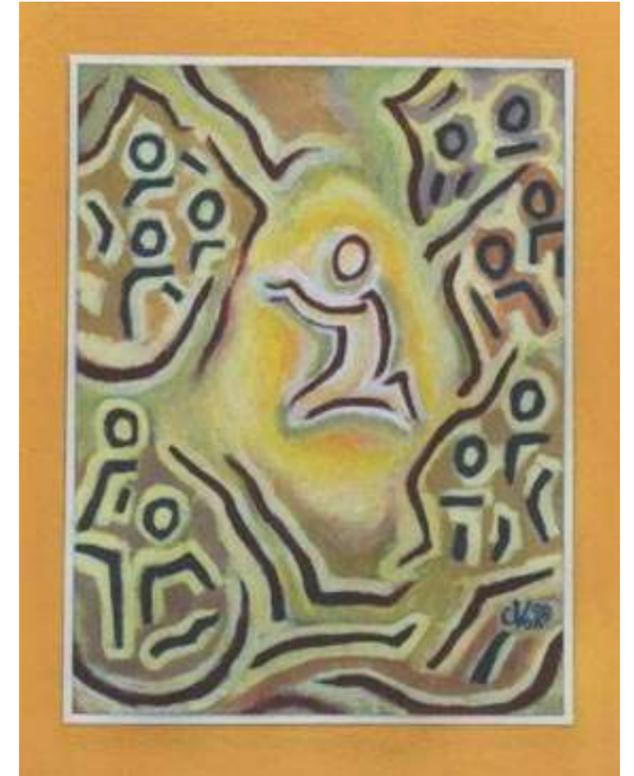
FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

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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Bonnie Evans	Garth and Inky Payne
Clyde Fraley	Georgia Renfrow
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Harold and Sandy Henderson	
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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!

May 8, 2016

11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday of Easter

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