

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

**Prelude**      *Please use this time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation for worshipping God*

### Welcome and Announcements

**Choral Introit**                      “People Need the Lord”

### \*Passing 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** #300      “We Are One in the Spirit” v.1      *They’ll Know We Are Christians*

### \*Call to Worship

One: Joy is loose,

**All: In the wiggles of the children,**

One: The whispers of the youth,

**All: The smiles of the adults.**

One: We praise God for this glorious day,

**All: Let the praise break forth**

**in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

One: Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs

**All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.**

\***Hymn of Praise** #611                      “Joyful, Joyful”                      *Hymn to Joy*

### Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God, with you there is always more life, more hope, more joy. Forgive us for doubting to see your work in the still things, the busy things, the darkest moment and the everyday, under-noticed plod of life. Forgive us when we balk at action, and refuse to turn on fully the tap of compassion, settling for a mere trickle. Open us now to your love that lets us relax into life, and fill us with trust, hope and justice. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for private confession*

### Assurance of Pardon

One: The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

**All: Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** #409                      “God Is Here!” v.1                      *Abbot’s Leigh*

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in full measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

In the beginning was the Word

**And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**Scripture:**                      *Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7*                      **Pew Bible OT, p. 14**

### Word and Wonder with all ages

**Anthem**                      “Good, Good Father”                      guitar and vocals by David Gibson

**The Word Declared**    Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\***Hymn of Response** #729 “Lord, I want to be a Christian” *I Want to be a Christian*

\***Affirmation of Faith**      *Psalm 126 - "A Harvest of Joy"*

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.**

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

**then it was said among the nations,**

**“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

**May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,**

**shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

### 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.**

### Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

\***Doxology** #609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Lasst Uns Efreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Dedication

\***Closing Hymn** #804                      “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”                      *Marion*

## WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

### \*Charge and Benediction

*Before we go in God’s name, we will gather around the sanctuary in community with one another. Take your neighbors’ hands and say to each other:*

**“You are a beloved child of God”**

## Postlude

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

**June Elders of the Month:** Lois Bazhaw & Lorraine Holman  
**Calendar for June 18 - 25**

**Today:**                      9:30 A.M.      Sunday School  
                                 11:00 A.M.      Worship  
                                 3:00 P.M.      Swahili-English Service

**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  
                                 11:00 A.M.      Worship, Pennies for Hunger  
                                 12:00 P.M.      Fellowship Brunch  
                                 3:00 P.M.      Swahili-English Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Men’s Bible Study** is on break for the summer.
- Next Sunday (June 25<sup>th</sup>) we will have our **Pennies for Hunger** collection and the **Fellowship Brunch**.
- As a reminder, **donations are needed for Greensboro Urban Ministry** year round. The need is constant and your support is always valued!

**SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

Dianna Wright, Chair of GA  
Committee on Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations-  
First, Statesville–Mt. Jefferson, W. Jefferson–  
Freedom, Statesville–Korean First,  
Greensboro

**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  
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Larry Avent and Family	Judy Herron and Family
Rick Barreau	Sara Kearns
The Family of Jim Bodkin	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule’s cousin)
Priscilla Christiansen	Stephanie Lindley and Family
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw’s sister)	Marge Mack
Vicki Duncan	Andy Moyer
Bonnie Evans	Garth and Inky Payne
The Family of Clyde Fraley	Georgia Renfrow
Kem Gomo	The Sharon Family
Pat Greeson	Patricia Shoffner (René’s mother)
Helen Hall	Bill Summerlin (René’s father-in-law)
Harold Henderson	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall’s daughter)
	The Family of Ken Wheat
	Marge Zeliff

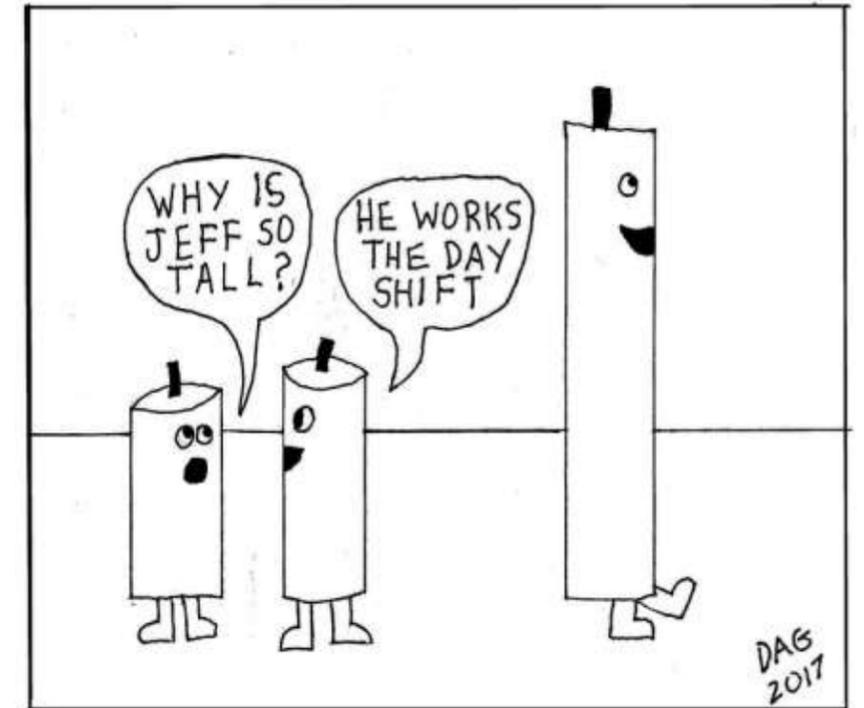
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Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator  
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**WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN**



**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!

June 18, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord’s Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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