

# THE CHURCH GATHERING

VOLUNTARY  
GREETING AND WELCOME  
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\* **GATHERING HYMN #272** “God of the Sparrow” *Roeder*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

**People: Listen, for God often speaks in a still small voice!**

Leader: We come to worship the God who became one of us, who calls us by name,

**People: Who is love incarnate, who is!**

Leader: Let us gather together in joy and hope!

**People: Let us worship the God of love!**

## WE PRAISE GOD

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE #263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *St. Denio*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God: you are tireless in speaking to us. But too often we close our minds, refusing to hear what would require growth and change, rejecting your truth because it is inconvenient. Forgive our fearful resistance to your Word, and our stubborn insistence that our way is the best way. Continue speaking to us, trying new parables until we think, understand, and follow your way; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Through Christ, life has been given to us as a new gift for today.

**People: We are new and different people from this moment on!**

Leader: Friends, live and believe the gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**RESPONSE:** *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, Amen.

## THE CHURCH BEING ILLUMINED

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE WORD READ

In the beginning was the Word

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

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

Pew Bible, OT, Page 686

**Anthem** *All Good Gifts*

*Stephen Schwartz*

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Pew Bible, NT, Page 13-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORD DECLARED: “Parable, Allegory, or What?”** JIM RISSMILLER

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

## THE CHURCH DEDICATING

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “Apostles’ Creed” Page 14, Traditional

\***HYMN #415** “COME, LABOR ON”

*Ora Labora*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\***Doxology**

*Schumann*

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate’er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\***Closing Hymn# 379** “My Hope Is Built  
on Nothing Less”

*Solid Rock*

## WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Tallis’ Canon*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

Through this and every coming day,

That in Your Spirit strong and true

Our lives may be our gift to You.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\***POSTLUDE**

*\* You are invited to stand if you are able*

## WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

**WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church.** Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are joining us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have an interest in joining Faith Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.292.5704. Please visit our website at [www.faithpresgso.org](http://www.faithpresgso.org) or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/faithpresgso](http://www.facebook.com/faithpresgso).

**Elders of the Month for July are Bonnie Maready and Bob Waugh.**

### On the calendar for this week:

Adult Sunday School: Join us each Sunday morning at one of our two adult classes. The **Discussion Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor for engaging conversation and discussion of Carlo Carletto’s book, *I, Francis*. Also, you may want to attend another adult class, **The Present Word**, which meets in the library. Using our denomination’s curriculum, this class considers scripture and its interpretation for today.

**Theology on Tap** will meet Monday, **July 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Tim and Laura Maher: 4208 Shoal Creek Drive. The book we are studying is “Just Wives?,” chapter 5. All are welcome! Come even if you haven’t read the book.

There are Sign-Up Sheets in the Narthex for Ushers, Flowers, and Snacks for each Sunday. Please take a turn and sign up. Your participation and fellowship are greatly appreciated!

**Visitors:** If you would like up-to-date information on Faith’s activities each week and have an email address, call **the office at 292-5704** and you will receive weekly updates of what is going on. You can also visit our **Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/faithpresgso](http://www.facebook.com/faithpresgso)**. Weekly updates of bulletins and newsletters are posted to our **Website at [www.faithpresgso.org](http://www.faithpresgso.org)** on the Friday before the Sunday service. The newsletter comes out once a month. You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website. We have a **Fellowship Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon after the Sunday service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** and our **Pennies for Hunger** are also collected on this day as well, during the service. **Communion is the first Sunday of the month.**

**INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS**

**Attendance 7-6-14 – 28**

**July 13 – July 20, 2014**

- Today:** 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. Coffee And Conversation  
 11:00 A.M. Worship and Congregational Meeting
- Monday:** 7:30 P.M. Theology on Tap
- Tuesday:** 9:30 A.M. Chair Exercise
- Sunday:** 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. Coffee And Conversation  
 11:00 A.M. Worship

**Salem Presbytery Church Prayer List**

Community in Christ Presbyterian, Greensboro  
 Covenant Church, Winston-Salem  
 Second Presbyterian Church, Mocksville

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Meyer Anthony and Family              | Bob Huffine's Family          |
| Rosemary Battle                       | Jane Hogan                    |
| Erich Bordne                          | Marge Mack                    |
| Kelly Bottoms (Friend, Lindsey Brown) | Pat Magnuson                  |
| Melissa Burris' Father                | I.E. Martin                   |
| Kathy Christian's Family              | Andy Moye                     |
| Priscilla Christiansen                | Larry Murren                  |
| Doris Claybrook's Family              | Dot Patat's Family            |
| Christopher Colbert                   | Bob Phillips                  |
| Kevin Cook                            | PNC                           |
| Virginia Cornet                       | Peggy Pope                    |
| Dottie Cox's son, Geoff Cox           | Ed Price                      |
| Fran Cuthbertson                      | Georgia Renfrow               |
| Bonnie Evans                          | Bill Shannon                  |
| Cile Gorman                           | Penn Truit                    |
| Pat Greeson                           | Lynn Wright                   |
| Helen Hall's daughter, Karen Thomas   | Jennifer Yoder                |
| Maxine Heath                          | Grandfather Home for Children |
| Ann Huffine                           |                               |

**Special Congregational Announcement:**

The Session of Faith Presbyterian Church has unanimously approved to call a congregational meeting for today, Sunday, July 13, 2014 for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Pulpit Nominating Committee. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Bonnie Maready  
 Clerk of Session

**Pastoral Team**

- Pastor  
 Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Visitor  
 Libby Inman, Young Adult Ministries  
 Stephanie Gray, Music Director  
 Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse  
 Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator



*We are a loving faith family,  
 worshipping and serving God,  
 and testifying in word and deed  
 as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

July 13, 2014  
 11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day  
 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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