

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible, NT, Page 78

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 #332** "Live into Hope" *Truro*

* Call to Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

*P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have
been found and welcomed home.*

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

P: AMEN!

WE PRAISE GOD

* **Hymn of Praise #276** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" *Faithfulness*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God.

*We come before you and confess that we are sometimes more lost
than we pretend to be. We are not always certain of the right
thing to do. We are not always ready to respond to the world
the way we know we should. At times our worldly desires get in
the way of being the people we know we are called to be.*

*Teach us that love is always the higher calling. May love and
forgiveness always be our default position. When faced with
uncertainty, may we love. When confronted with anger and
hate, may we love. When bewildered and angry, may we find a
way to love. Teach us to be a reflection of you.*

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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 of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: "The Lost Sons" Rev. Mark Sandlin

Anthems "Lonesome Road" *James Taylor*
"Thousand Miles" *Caedmon's Call*
"Home Tonight" *Chris Rice*
"Isn't It Love" *Andrew Peterson*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of the People

* **Affirmation of Faith: "Apostles' Creed"** *Page 14, Traditional*

* **Hymn #280** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" *Amazing
Grace*

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory "Take to the World" *Derek Webb*

* **Doxology** *One in the Spirit*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* **Closing Hymn #335** "Though I May Speak" *O Waly Waly*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

from Godspell

Day by day, day by day,

Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly,

Love thee more dearly,

Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

*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 or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso.

Elders of the Month for August: Lindsey Brown & Betty Rissmiller

Elders of the Month for September: Betsy Rule & Graham Pope

On the calendar for this week:

Adult Sunday School: The **Discussion Class** meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Parlor for engaging conversation and discussion. This week we are covering *The Counterintuitive Gospel*, by C.S. Parsons.

Theology on Tap will meet Monday, **September 8th** at **7:00 p.m.** (please note the change in time for this meeting!) at the home of Jim and Betty Rissmiller (1007 Waccamaw Way). The book we are studying is Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Chapters 7-8; and there will be a film screening of *Paperclips*. 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**. Weekly updates of bulletins and newsletters are posted to our **Website at 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 4th Sunday of each month** and our **Pennies for Hunger** are collected this day during the service. **Communion is the first Sunday of the month.**

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Attendance 8-24-14 – 29

August 31 – September 7

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice
Monday:	All Day	Church Closed – Labor Day
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	Parish Nurse
	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
	10:45 A.M.	Health Ministry
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Coffee And Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship and Communion
	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice

Salem Presbytery Church Prayer List

Gulf Church, Gulf
 Pine Ridge Church, Pilot Mountain
 Smyrna Church, Reidsville

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Rosemary Battle's Family	Helen Hall's daughter,
Erich Bordne	Karen Thomas
Lindsey Brown's friend,	Harold Henderson
Kelly Bottoms	Maxine Huffines Heath
Melissa Burris' Parents	Bob Huffine's Family
Priscilla Christiansen	Marge Mack
Kevin Cook	Pat Magnuson
Virginia Cornet	I.E. Martin's Family
Dottie Cox's son, Geoff	Andy Moye
Cox	Larry Murren
Fran Cuthbertson	Bob Phillips
Bonnie Evans	Peggy Pope
'Cile Gorman	Ed Price
Grandfather Home for	Georgia Renfrow
Children	Bill Shannon
Pat Greeson	
Helen Hall	

Please be in touch with the office regarding any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Prayer List. You may e-mail faithpresgsonc@gmail.com or call 336.292.5704 with any updates; we want to make sure the list is accurate and current to best reflect the spiritual needs of our community!

About Rev. Mark Sandlin

Rev. Mark Sandlin is a graduate of Wake Forest University's School of Divinity and a PC(USA) minister. He blogs for [Sojourners](#) and [Huffington Post's](#) religion page, and his own blog [TheGodArticle.com](#). He is a co-founder and Vice President of [The Christian Left](#) and he is also co-host of [@moonshinejesus](#) podcast.

Locally, Mark serves on committees which address issues of hunger as well as church development and transformation. He also serves as vice-chair of the Presbyterian Counseling Center's board of directors. A loving husband and father of two, Mark is an unabashed peacemonger who names Martin Luther King as one of his greatest influences.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Mark Sandlin, Pastoral Visitor
 Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Pastoral Team
 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.*