

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude “How Great is our God” By Chris Tomlin

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** “Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

*Call to Worship

One: We come to hear the sweet word of the Lord today.

All: But sometimes the words are not so easy to hear.

One: The good news of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yet some days are not as easy as others.

One: We come to worship the Lord
who loves us through all of life no matter what.

**All: Let us come before our Savior today singing praises with ears
and hearts open.**

***Hymn of Praise #730** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” *Grand Isle*

Call to Confession

Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God, saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silence is kept for private confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Shhh, listen! Can you hear them? The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us - are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

All: Thanks be to God! The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer Response #471 “The Lord Is My Song” *Hear My Prayer*

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;
God, the wellspring of life.

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 and Wonder with All Ages

Scripture Reading *Hebrews 13:8* Mikhail Stephens

Anthem “What Faith Can Do” by Scott Davis & Scott Krappayne

Scripture Reading *Hebrews 11:29-12:2* **Pew Bible, NT, p. 226**

The Word Declared Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #262** “Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus” *All Saints*

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from Articles 1 and 2 of the Confession of Belhar.
We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

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 “I Will Trust in You” By Lauren Daigle

***Doxology #605** “Praise to God the Father” *Da N’ase*
Praise to God the Father; Praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit; Praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty, praise to the Holy One.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #731** “Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm” *Repton*

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

August Elders of the Month: Larry Jones and Graham Pope
Calendar for August 14-21

Today:	10:00 A.M.	Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Session
	4:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service, Agape meal to follow!
Tuesday:	11:00 A.M.	Women’s Circle
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:	9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship
	3:00 P.M.	Swahili-English Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Come to the **AGAPE SUMMER PARTY** - TODAY, Sunday, August 14 (worship 4-5pm, meal 5-9pm) This will be for all Swahili-speaking people in Greensboro, our American friends, and members of Faith Presbyterian Church. We will have delicious, home-made African food and music. We will share about our Swahili-English service and about the wonderful community of Faith Presbyterian Church.

- The August meeting for **Women’s Circle** is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16th.

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Mebane First – Second, Salisbury – Concord, Statesville

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).

Rick Barreau	Jo Anne Jennings
Jim Bodkin	Sara Kearns
Priscilla Christiansen	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Bertha Collins (Ralph Bazhaw's sister)	Steve Ladds (Laura Maher's colleague)
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Marge Mack
Vicki Duncan	Andy Moye
Bonnie Evans	Garth and Inky Payne
The Family of Clyde Fraley	Georgia Renfrow
Kem Gomo	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
'Cile Gorman	Stephen Ware (Karen Ware Jackson's father)
Pat Greeson	The Family of Ken Wheat
Helen Hall	
Harold and Sandy Henderson	
Judy Herron and Family	



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!

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate
Prince Mundeke Mushunju, Swahili Service Pastor
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator
Michelle Watkins, Childcare Provider

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August 14, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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