

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 “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 sing aloud to God our strength.

All: We sing of all the times God has helped us.

One: We praise the Lord of the least.

All: We praise the Lord who helps us be a faithful community.

One: Glory be to the God with us.

All: Glory be to the God of all creation. Let us faithfully worship the Lord.

*Hymn of Praise #710 “We Lift Our Voices”

Offering

Call to Reconciliation

Despite all the ways we speak of sin - failures, mistakes, intended acts, Scripture tells us that we are stubborn-hearted, wanting only our way. But if we pause to listen to God, if we open our mouths (and our hearts) to confess our sin, God will fill our emptiness with forgiveness and hope. Let us pray together, as we say,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

Silence is kept for private confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or any thing do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God.

All: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer Response #411 “God is Here Today”

Dios Esta Aqui

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
As certain as the morning sun that rises,
As certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

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.

Scripture Reading *Hebrews 13: 1-6*

Pew Bible, OT, p. 227

The Word and Wonder with All Ages *Brave is a Decision*

Anthem Swahili Choir

The Word Declared “Kind People are Brave People” Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response #183 “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” *Calm Seas*

LITANY OF BLESSING - Adapted from Rev. Elizabeth Grasham

One: Scripture tells us that Jesus was a learner. As a child, he grew just as we grow, gaining years and gaining wisdom. As he learned, he won God’s approval and made friends. As we begin a new school year, we remember that God has given us the ability to learn many things.

All: Learning is a gift from God.

We love the Lord our God with our intellect.

One: Scripture also tells us that Jesus was a teacher. When he saw the helpless crowds that followed him, his compassionate response was to teach them what they needed to know.

All: Teaching is a calling from God.

We love our neighbors by helping them learn.

Children: We ask God to bless our schools and teachers.

We ask God to bless our classmates.

We ask God to bless those who prepare our meals, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean.

Parents: We ask God to bless our principals, administrators, aides, counselors, and librarians.

Teachers: We give thanks to God for books and computers and all the tools that help kids learn.

All: We give thanks to God for the gift of learning!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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 David Gibsen, guitar

*Doxology #605 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Halle Halle

Halle, halle, halle -- lujah! Halle, halle, halle – lujah!

Halle, halle, halle – lujah! Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #792 “When the Poor Ones”

El Camino

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
September Elders of the Month: Lois Bazhaw, Bonnie Maready

Calendar for August 28 - September 4

Today: 10:00 A.M. Worship, Pennies for Hunger
11:00 A.M. Fellowship Brunch
3:00 P.M. Swahili-English Service

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: 11:00 A.M. Worship, Communion
3:00 P.M. Swahili-English Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Sunday (Sept. 4th), we will resume our 11:00 a.m. worship hour!** Thanks to everyone for accommodating the summer schedule, we look forward to seeing you in worship at 11:00 a.m. next week!

- We will be hosting the **Western Guilford High School Football Team Dinner** on Friday, September 9th! We expect around 50 in attendance and for the team to arrive at 4:15 p.m. Please consider signing up to help make this event a success!

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Reid Memorial, Mooresville – Jamestown – Sandy Ridge

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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Jim Bodkin	Judy Herron and Family
Priscilla Christiansen	Jo Anne Jennings
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Vicki Duncan	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Bonnie Evans	Marge Mack
The Family of Clyde Fraley	Andy Moye
Kem Gomo	Garth and Inky Payne
'Cile Gorman	Georgia Renfrow
Pat Greeson	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Helen Hall	The Family of Ken Wheat

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



Blessing of the Backpacks

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!

August 28, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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