

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Dedication for “Praise” by Lana Picard

We dedicate this artwork to the glory of our Lord. The use of God’s gift of Christian art in worship proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ, encourages the praise of his people on earth, and reflects our intention to bring Jesus our best and finest offerings.

Leader: Gracious God, we know that you delight in hearing the prayers and praise of your people.

People: Thank you, Lord, for the making us your own, for the blessing of public worship, for the comfort and strength you give in this place, and for the praise and joy you prompt in our hearts.

Leader: You have given to your Church throughout the world artisans who create fine and beautiful things which inspire our worship and glorify your name. For all who use their gifts to your glory:

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: Thank you for many gifts which help to proclaim your gospel: for language and poetry, for music, and for art and architecture; each focusing our minds and hearts on your marvelous grace in Baptism, Holy Communion, and the proclamation of your Word.

People: Bless us whenever we gather in your name and move us to use these gifts to praise you.

*Gathering Music “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Here, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our hearts:

People: calling us to generous acts, to share the gifts we have been given.

Leader: Now, our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds in our land:

People: calling us to generous acts, to open our hearts to all in need.

Leader: In every place, in every moment, our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds in all creation:

People: calling us to generous acts, to stand with God’s people: the least, the lost, the little, the last.

*Hymn of Praise #744 “Arise, Your Light I Come!”

Festal Song

Call to Reconciliation

Do we honor God only with our lips, while keeping our hearts from the Holy One? Do we deceive ourselves, thinking we are religious rather than living faithful lives? Let us confess to God our sin, trusting in the One who seeks to make us whole.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Holy One of leaders and little children, we hear your words every day, but rarely live them out. Our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of the poor.

Father of Lights, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life. *Silence is kept for private confession.*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen and understand - the voice of the Beloved speaks to us, implanting the word of hope, the word of grace, and the word of forgiveness into our hearts.

People: We listen and understand. Every gift comes from God, especially the gifts of mercy and love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer Response #417 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Southwell

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.

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.

James 1:22-27

Pew Bible, NT, Page 229

The Word with the Children

Matthew 22:36-40

Pew Bible, NT, Page 25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared: “Doers of the Word”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

Anthem “You’ve Gotta Serve Somebody”

By Bob Dylan

Juan Fernandez, soloist

Bulletin Acknowledgements

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** “A Declaration of Faith” for worship, adopted by the PCUS in 1977, and the PCUSA in 1985

God has not taken us out of the world, but has sent us into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind.

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in this work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God’s deeds in the past and God’s promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace.

*Hymn of Response #733

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein

“We All Are One in Mission”

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

Justin Cowen, Piano

*Doxology “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #749 “We Are Called”

We Are Called

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge

*Benediction #765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Argentina

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working, for a world that’s new, faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.

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: Betsy Rule and Bonnie Maready

Calendar for August 30 – September 6

Today:	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Pennies for Hunger
Tuesday:	10:00 A.M.	Chair Exercise
Thursday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday:	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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

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).

Lois Bazhaw and Family	Sara Kearns
Priscilla Christiansen	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Fran Cuthbertson	Marge Mack
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Pat Magnuson
Bonnie Evans	Family of Keith McNeal
Kem Gomo	Lisa Moran
'Cile Gorman	Andy Moye
Pat Greeson	Garth Payne
Caider Hawtree	Georgia Renfrow
Harold Henderson	Mandy McGuire Willis (niece of Peggy McGuire & Ann Huffine)
Judy Herron and Family	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pennies for Hunger** will be collected today.
- The annual **Football Dinner for Western Guilford High School** will be held Friday, September 18, 4:00-5:30. Please sign-up for food, supplies, and/or your time on the sheets provided in the narthex to help make this event a success!
- **The Hopeful Church** - Saturday, Sept. 2, 9am - Noon
Trinity Presbyterian in Winston-Salem
Join Dr. Kathy Dawson, APCE Educator of the year and profession at Columbia Seminary, for an event on the future the

church worshiping, learning, and serving together. Karen will be sharing some resources we use in our worship at Faith as part of the resource center at the event.

- **Bread and Wine with Jesus** will start a new book study on Monday, Sept. 21. **Permission Granted: Take the Bible into Your Own Hands** by Jennifer Grace Bird
Millions of people around the world look to the Bible as a source of encouragement and faith formation, a reminder that God is love and is in control, and a guide to living one's life the way God desires. But this treasured book has also been misused and manipulated by many, placed on a pedestal of untouchability, and protected from questioning and honest engagement. In *Permission Granted*, Jennifer Grace Bird encourages people of faith to explore the texts on their own, freed from long-held myths and misconceptions; experience the Bible anew; and appreciate this holy book for what it is-not what we think it should be. With the sensitivity of one who has discovered this freedom herself, Bird invites readers to engage what the Bible really says about twelve key issues, including sin, sex, and the role of women.
If you would like to join the study, please let Karen know so that we can order your book. NOTE – if you are interested but prefer to meet during the day, please let Karen know because we are exploring the possibility of creating a second group.

- **Union Presbyterian Seminary** is offering an opportunity to experience "Seminary for a Day" on Saturday, September 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch and refreshments. For information and registration, please visit www.upsem.edu/sfaday

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Check out our website www.faithpresgso.org – for more information about who we are and what we believe, as well as weekly updates of bulletins and monthly newsletters

Grab a newsletter! You can pick up a current copy of the newsletter on the table in the narthex and can see previous copies on our website.

Join us for our monthly brunch! Every month on the **4th Sunday**, we head down to the fellowship hall after worship for yummy food and good conversation.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



"Doers of the Word"

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 30th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
14th Sunday After Pentecost

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