

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 “O Lord, Our Lord How Majestic is Your Name”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come from differing places to gather here today.

People: We come from differing places, yet unite in our faith.

Leader: Some are well connected in places of importance,

People: and some struggle to make end meet and can feel marginalized.

Leader: This space, this place of worship, this place of faith,

People: is a picture of what God desires for us all —

Leader: to overcome divisions and be united through our faith.

People: So let us gather together, united, and worship God.

*Hymn of Praise #300 “We Are One in the Spirit” *They’ll Know We Are Christians*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, who can condemn us? None but God. Yet, God extends grace and mercy to us time and time again. So hear and believe the good news:

People: In the grace and mercy of God, our sins are forgiven.

Prayer Response #626 “As the Deer”

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

*Affirmation of Faith “Psalm 23”

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 with the Children

Anthem “Teach Me”

By Carolyn Dawn Johnson

Matthew 15:21-28

Pew Bible, NT, Page 17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Declared:

Rev. Mark Sandlin

“The Justa Syndrome: The Power of the Persistence of Faith”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response #186

Come Now, You Blessed

“Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Let us pray. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you make the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made your eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him. Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

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.

Words of Institution

*Communion Hymn #527 “Eat This Bread”

Berthier

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

(Repeat until all are served)

Prayer After the Meal

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread, and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory “Love God, Love People”

By Israel Houghton

*Doxology “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Halle, Halle

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #306 “Blest Be the Ties That Bind”

Dennis

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge

*Benediction #748 “Go with Us, Lord”

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.

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

September Elders of the Month: Betsy Rule and Bonnie Maready Calendar for September 6 - 13

Today: 10:30 A.M. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 A.M. Worship, Communion

Monday: Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 A.M. Chair Exercise

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice

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

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville
Guilford Park Church, Greensboro
Franklin Church, Salisbury

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	Judy Herron and Family
Priscilla Christiansen	Sara Kearns
Family of Fran Cuthbertson	Tommy Knight (Betsy Rule's cousin)
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Marge Mack
Bonnie Evans	Pat Magnuson
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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Church Office will be closed tomorrow**, Monday, Sept. 7th for Labor Day.
- **Choir Practice** will resume Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning this week (first meeting is Wednesday, September 9th).
- 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. 12, 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 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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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.

Bulletin Acknowledgement

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



“The Justa Syndrome: The Power of the Persistence of Faith”

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!

September 6th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord’s Day
15th Sunday After Pentecost

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