

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: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**People: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end
of the line.**

***Hymn of Praise #714** “God of the Fertile Fields”

Italian Hymn

Call to Confession *James 3:13-18, 4:8a*

Pew Bible, NT, Page 230

Prayer of Confession

**We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus. Our cravings
for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our
great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do
not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder
and conflict.**

**Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender
arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the
wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of
righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.** *(silence is kept for private confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even as we repent, and turn toward God in confession, we know
that God is *always* drawing near to us.

**People: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father
who welcomes the prodigal home, God loves us still.**

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel:

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

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.

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.

Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible, NT, Page 45

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word with the Children

Anthem “Be Near Me, Lord”

By John Cennick and K. Lee Scott

The Word Declared: “Draw Near to God”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** “*The Coming of God*”

Our God is the One who comes to us

in a burning bush, in an angel’s song, in a newborn child.

Our God is the One who cannot be found

locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary.

Our God will be where God will be

with no constraints, no predictability.

Our God lives where our God lives,

and destruction has no power and even death cannot stop the living.

Our God will be born where God will be born,

but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us.

When God is ready

God will come even to a godforsaken place like a stable in Bethlehem.

Watch...

for you know not when God comes.

Watch, that you might be found

Whenever, wherever, God comes.

***Hymn of Response #316** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” Twenty-Fourth

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 “Draw Near”

By Jason Ingram and Kristian Stanfill

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

Halle, Halle

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn #320** “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

Wareham

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 20 – 27

Today:	10:30 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
Monday:	7:00 P.M.	Bread and Wine with Jesus
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, Pennies for Hunger
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Brunch

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SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Pleasant Grove Church, Yanceyville
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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)
Family of Fran Cuthbertson	Marge Mack
Davidson Family (Friends of Karen Ware Jackson)	Pat Magnuson
Bonnie Evans	Gladys Maready (Bonnie Maready's mother-in-law)
Kem Gomo	Family of Keith McNeal
'Cile Gorman	Lisa Moran
Pat Greeson	Andy Moye
Harold Henderson	Garth Payne
Judy Herron and Family	Georgia Renfrow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
 - We have at least one person interested in a daytime class and would love a couple more! The daytime class is scheduled to start sometime in October.
- On Tuesday, September 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor, **Lois Bazhaw** will present **"Keep Your Memory Sharp,"** a talk in response to her participation in a memory research study at Wake Forest Medical Research.
- **New Member Class** will begin Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:30 -10:30. If you are interested in learning more about our church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and what it means to be a member, please join us! If you can't make it, please contact Karen: karenjack@gmail.com
- We are collecting **warm clothing** to donate in the narthex. **Socks** in particular are among the least donated but desperately needed items for those in precarious situations. All donations are welcomed and we appreciate your ongoing support of the church's mission!
- **Beautiful Star** - Sunday, Dec. 6, 2pm - Triad Stage
Faith has reserved a block of tickets for this performance about a little church and a Christmas play. Tickets will be \$15 each and additional information about reservations will be coming soon.

Do you want to know more about the new life happening at Faith?

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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.

Pastoral Team

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

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN



"Draw Near to God"

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 20th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
17th Sunday After Pentecost

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