

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 #613 "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: Lift up your hearts to God, who has made us all;

People: Let us lift up our prayers and praises to God our Creator.

Leader: Listen to the voice of God who is calling you;

People: God is calling us into the way of love, mercy, and justice.

Leader: Follow Jesus, who leads us in the way of love;

People: May we have the courage to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: In this time of worship, may we be inspired, encouraged,
and filled with the Spirit,

People: To do the work that God has prepared for us.

**May we enter this time of worship with gladness and
thanksgiving for what God has done for us.**

*Hymn of Praise #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" *Kingsfold*

Call to Reconciliation

Sometimes our words and actions show how we are salt for the world. But then come those moments when we lose our flavor and our way. Let us confess our sins to our God, so we might be restored and forgiven.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**Called to be your people, Living God - why do we find it so hard to answer?
You ask us to speak out against injustice, and we whisper because we are afraid
someone might hear us. You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us, but
we close our eyes. You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your
image, yet we persist in noticing the differences between us and others.**

**Forgive us, God of the Past and Creator of the Future. May we be the ones
who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, of hope, of healing, of joy
to every one who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift
of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (silence is kept for private confession)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Touched by the healing hands of our Lord, filled with the grace of our
God, led by the compassion of the Holy Spirit, our hearts are opened and
we discover we are forgiven and at peace with God. Friends, believe 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.

The Word with the Children – The Story of Esther

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Pew Bible, OT, Page 448-450

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Visual Anthem "Purim Song"

By The Maccabeats & Pink

(Lyrics are provided separately; please pick up the handout to follow along!)

The Word Declared: "Choose to Change the World" Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response #753

Prayer of St. Francis

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news which we received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day;
and that he appeared to the women,
then to Peter and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
He is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end,
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

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 "The Power of One"

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 #749 "Come! Live in the Light"

We Are Called

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

October Elders of the Month: Bob Waugh and Betty Rissmiller

Calendar for September 27 – October 4

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| Today: | 10:30 A.M. | Coffee and Conversation |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Worship, Pennies for Hunger |
| | 12:00 P.M. | Fellowship Brunch |
| Tuesday: | 10:00 A.M. | Chair Exercise |
| | 2:00 P.M. | "Keep Your Memory Sharp" |
| | 6:30 P.M. | Choir Practice |
| Thursday: | 8:00 P.M. | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Friday: | 8:00 P.M. | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Sunday: | 9:30 A.M. | Adult Sunday School Resumes (Parlor) |
| | 9:30 A.M. | New Member Class (Karen's Office) |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Coffee and Conversation |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Worship, Communion |

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Prospect Church, Mooresville
Faith Church, Greensboro
John Calvin Church, Salisbury

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| 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's Family |
| Pat Greeson | Andy Moye |
| Harold Henderson | Garth Payne |
| Judy Herron and Family | Georgia Renfrow |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- **Choir Practices** have been moved to Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- **Adult Sunday School** will resume Sunday, October 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. You may pick up curriculum materials outside the sanctuary.
- A **New Member Class** will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 - 9:30 -10:30 a.m. in Rev. Karen Ware Jackson's office. 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.

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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.



"Choose to Change the World"

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 27th, 2015
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday After Pentecost

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