

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 “Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never ending

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior

The hope of nations

Savior he can move the mountains,

My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save

Forever author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

*Call to Worship

Leader: The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

**People: We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice,
the presence of the God who loves us.**

Leader: The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

**People: We come, in this time,
because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.**

Leader: The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

**People: We come, in this time, to this place,
because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**

*Hymn of Praise #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Bradbury*

Prayer of the Day

**When we are short-sighted and think we can't see you, you show us a
mother cradling her sick child. When we are anxious, certain you don't
care about us, you are confident enough to trust us with your grace.**

**When we are cynical, sure that nothing matters, you are optimistic
enough to become one of us. God, you are our Hope.**

**You sweep the streets of the world, to uncover the people we consider to
be trash. You shine your grace into sin's shadows to find us when we
have lost our way. You would leave us to go find the sister we left
behind. Jesus, you are our Joy.**

**When we walk the dusty desert of desolation, you refresh us with
showers of grace. When our lives lie in ruined rubble, you come and
build a foundation for us out of love and faith. Spirit, you are our Life.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, our Hope, our Joy, our Life, hear us
as we sit in silence and offer the words of our hearts...**

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.

Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 23* **Pew Bible OT, p. 501**

The Word and Wonder with All Ages

Anthem “Human” by Dionne Farris

New Testament Reading: *Luke 15:1-10* **Pew Bible NT, p. 78**

The Word Declared Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*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.**

*Hymn of Response #379 “We Shall Overcome” *We Shall Overcome*

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 “I Hope” by The Dixie Chicks

*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 #344 “Where Armies Scourge the Countryside” *Pacio Mio Dio*

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

September Elders of the Month: Lois Bazhaw and Bonnie Maready Calendar for September 11 - 18

Today: 11:00 A.M. Worship
3:00 P.M. Swahili-English Service
4:00 P.M. Session

Monday: no events

Tuesday: 11:00 A.M. Women’s Circle

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. English Choir Practice

Thursday: 6:30 P.M. Men’s Prayer Group
8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday: 8:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday: 10:00 A.M. Swahili Choir Practice and Prayer

Sunday: 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast
11:00 A.M. Worship
3:00 P.M. Swahili-English Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Women's Circle** will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13th.
- A **Men's Prayer Group**, led by Mikhail Stephens and Rev. Jim Rissmiller, will have its inaugural meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast - Sept 18 - 9:30am**
Don't miss a delicious breakfast cooked by Karin Stephens followed by our FIRST kids Sunday school class and our first adult class of the Fall.

Kids will meet with teachers Solomon Opong-Agyare and Lindsey Brown to study some great characters from the Hebrew Scriptures (Joseph and Moses), learn scripture, and meet the kids of the Deep Blue Bible Series!

Adults will begin "Animate:Faith" - a new series featuring videos from prominent Christian leaders and an in-depth look at the big questions of Christianity.

- Join us at 3 p.m. each Sunday for the **Swahili-English** service.

SALEM PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Sparta – St. Paul, Greensboro – Nancy Williams-Berry, Chaplain,
Presbyterian Homes - Highland, Winston-Salem

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).

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

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WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

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!

Pastoral Team

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Jim Rissmiller, Parish Associate
Prince Mundeke Mushunju, Swahili Service Pastor
Stephanie Lindley, Music Director
Beverly Lucas, Office Administrator
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September 11, 2016
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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