

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 #473** *For The Beauty of the Earth*

Terra Beata

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Whatever God did in the past, the future is that much better!
(even in Jerusalem)*

We will not stop looking for the newness God has for us!

*Whatever we have achieved to this point,
we have not completed our journey.*

(even into the unknown).

We will quicken our pace to follow Jesus wherever he leads.

Whatever obstacles we put in the path,

God will make a way to our hearts.

(even in the desert of death)

We will move onward, through our doubts and fears.

WE PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

* **HYMN OF PRAISE #339** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

Holy God, Water Tamer:

you humble our pride....

*God in Community, Holy in One,
we lift our prayers and our joy to you,
even as we pray as Jesus taught us:*

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.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Even now, God makes a way for us to be made whole. God wants to bring us out of despair and to fill our hearts with laughter. Please join me as we pray to the One who forgets our past to offer us a new future,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, whose name is Grace: you are always in the business of surprising us with new lives, new dreams, new hopes. But we are so busy opening up the boxes where we have stored the past, making sure that each item remains safe and unbroken, that we do not recognize what you are doing. We are so blinded by the dull

reflection of our old habits, that we cannot see the fresh chances which are given so freely to us. Our senses are so deadened by our desires that we cannot smell the bouquet of joy that is in the air.

Forgive us, God of Joy. By your mercy, mend our broken lives. You move through us, rearranging the price tags on everything we value, so we might be able to let go of all that holds us back from faithful living. Then we can press on in following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of hope and wonder.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

Broken, we are made whole;

lost, we are brought home;

empty, we are filled with songs of gladness.

We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy.

Amen

*RESPONSE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus; name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

All other ground is sinking sand.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

GOOD SOIL

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

Where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away,

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

THE WORD SPOKEN

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A Reading from Isaiah 43:16, 18-21

PEW BIBLE, OT, PAGES 672-673

A Reading from Psalm 126

PEW BIBLE, OT, PAGES 572-573

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,

for the Word of God within us;

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

ANTHEM *Jesu, Jesu*

TOM COLVIN

THE WORD SPOKEN

A Reading from Philippians

PEW BIBLE, NT, PAGE 198

A Reading from John 13:1-8

PEW BIBLE, NT, PAGE 107

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,

for the Word of God within us;

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *THE PARCHED DESERT BLOOMS*

BILL HAMILTON

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #365** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION

We are a loving faith family, worshipping and serving God; and testifying in word and deed as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We believe that God is our rock and our fortress, a deliverer who delights in coming to the aid of those who seek the Lord. We believe that God is always moving the world toward justice and righteousness and that we are invited to be agents of that movement. We believe that God is faithful and patient. God does not give up on us or on anything God created. We believe that God is near, always present in our troubles, sadness, loneliness and fear. We place our hope in God because God alone is completely holy, trustworthy and true. Thanks be to God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give Thee but Thine Own, Whatever the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN #281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *I Bind My Heart This Tide*

** You are invited to stand if you are able*

WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have an interest in joining Faith Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.292.5704. Please visit our

website at www.faithpresgso.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/faithpresgso.

Preaching this morning will be **Bill Hamilton**.

Elders of the Month for March are Betty Rissmiller and Betsy Rule.

Our **Worship Leader** today is Betsy Rule.

On the calendar for this week:

- **Theology on Tap** will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 at **Tim and Laura Maher's home, 4208 Shoal Creek Drive**. If you want to bring something, contact Laura at 509-2613. We will continue our new book study of **Mudhouse Sabbath** by Lauren F. Winner. *Please read Chapter 5.*
- **Adult Sunday School**. Join us each Sunday morning at one of our two adult classes. The **Discussion Class** meets at 9:30 in the parlor for engaging conversation and discussion as we consider the text and sermon topic for the morning and the book **Give Up Something BAD for Lent**, which we will be studying through Easter. Also, you may want to attend our newest class, **The Present Word**, which meets in the library. Using our denomination's curriculum, this class considers scripture and its interpretation for today.

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

Statistics for March 10, 2013: Attendance—46

March – Dried Beans

March 17-24, 2013

Today:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	1:30 p.m.	Rock Church
	5:00 p.m.	Session
Monday:	6:30 p.m.	Rock Church
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Parish Nurse
	10:00 a.m.	Chair Exercise
	11:00 a.m.	Circle of Faith
	7:00 p.m.	Theology on Tap
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Rock Church
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Korean School
	2:00 p.m.	Rock Church
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Brunch

Prayer Lists

Jamestown Church, Jamestown
 St. Paul Church, Greensboro
 North Wilksboro Church, N. Wilksboro

Faith Presbyterian Church Prayer List:

Peggy Pope	Cile Gorman	Gauge Humphrey
Dot Patat	Jo Anne Jennings	Caitlyn Watkins
Bob and Ann Huffine		Larry Murren
Fran Cuthbertson	Virginia Cornet	Erich Bordne
Pat Magnuson	Jane Hogan	Family of Betsy Waugh
Maxine Heath		Family of Bonnie Evans
Doreen Jones		Ann Collins (former member)
Bonnie Evans	Georgia Renfrow	Isabel Payne
Pamela Klutz (daughter of Bonnie Evans)		Larry Jones
Helen Hall's daughter		Mary Jane & Bob Phillips
Kelly Bottoms (friend/Lindsey Brown)		Priscilla Christiansen
Family of Joe Brooks		Rebecca Elliott's grandmother
Melissa Burris' Father		Helen Berkemeyer (Lois' mother)
Mr. Z, PE Teacher at Jefferson School		Andy Moye



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 as disciples of Jesus Christ.***

William T. Hamilton, B.A., Ph.D., M.Div., Interim Pastor
 James M. Rissmiller, B.A., B.D., Th.M., Pastoral Visitor
 Jeremy Corn, Music Director
 Lois Bazhaw, RN, Congregational Nurse
 Lynn Wright, Office Administrator

March 17, 2013
 11:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day
 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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