

### LIGHTING THE STEEPLE October 5, 2025

If you would like to light the steeple in honor or memory of a family member or friend, please contact Patty Gardner @ <a href="mailto:peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com">peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com</a>

We light the Steeple this week in memory of Harry Vann's friend Randolph (Randy) Woodward Whitley of Kernersville NC who died September 13, 2025

**Announcements:** Thank you to our lay leaders: Rick Witt and Bruce Maclean and to Susan Chandler for delivering our message. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion today with Carol Fox. Deacons: Anita Vann & Patty Gardner

- A huge thank you to Melissa Hough and all who had anything to do with our Fall Foliage event in Peacham and at our church on Thursday, October 2. We fed about 150 people with takeout and in-person meals. It was a great success. Thank you ALL.
- A special thank you to the Kempton Farm for the Maple Syrup used as our glaze on the delicious ham
  we served. Also, thanks to Ron Craig for the delicious cider and horseradish that he donated for the
  meal. We are lucky to live among these generous community members.
- Thank you to Nancy Toney for filling in as church musician in Bruce's absence.
- Our third quarter mission Church World Service. If you would like to donate to CWS please indicate on your check in the memo line "CWS".
- Our special item for the Danville Food Shelf is BREAD

10/5/25.	Service by Leigh Turner led by lay leaders
10/12/25.	Lyn Burns – Retired Episcopal Priest
10/19/25	Nicole Klosterman, Interim Pastor Musician: Jeff Fellinger
10/26/25	Nicole Klosterman, Interim Pastor
11 /2/25	Lay Speaker & Carol Fox-Communion
11/9/25	David Bullock
11/16/25	Nicole Klosterman
11/23/25	John Morris – Dietrich Bonhoeffer
11/30/25	Nicole Klosterman – 1st Sunday of Advent
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12/6/25	Memory Tree Lighting and soup/sandwich meal
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Sexton.....Jeff Lane

Church Council President & Moderator...... John Marshall Web Ministry .......Jonathan R. Potter

Deacons: Susan Chandler Chris Danielson

Carolyn Deasy Patty Gardner
Anita Vann Rick Witt
Deacon Emeritus: Bruce Maclean

Today's Service will have the following Hymns:
"We Walk by Faith & Not by Sight" (printed on back of bulletin)
#107 – "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
#429 – "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Congregational Response (New) #351 - Go Now in Peace

A VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER FROM THE ARAMAIC

Today we will read a version of the Lord's Prayer translated directly from the language that Jesus and his disciples probably spoke every day. The version that we use most Sundays has been translated from Greek to Latin to English. **Let us pray together:** 

O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration,

soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us where your Presence can abide. Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission. Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire.

Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish. Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us, as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose, but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.

For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power, and fulfillment, as all is gathered and made whole once again.

And So It Is!

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## Order of Worship

October 2025

#### **Greeting and Announcements**

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship
Destruction and violence are everywhere;
strife and contention are all around
The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.
The law is slack,
and justice does not prevail

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The needs of the world are so great;

O Lord, increase our faith.

How many threats surround us;
warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

The needs of the world are so great,
but you, O God, are greater still –
the One in whom all things are possible.

O Lord, increase our faith in you!

Opening Hymn: "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (On back of bulletin)

Unison Opening Prayer:
For the gift of faith
which sees beyond the present moment
and looks to an eternity,
we thank you.
For the gift of faith
small as a mustard seed, which has power
within its simplicity,
we thank you.
For the gift of faith
bestowed on those who would simply come,
hearts open in humility,
we thank you. Amen

Reading or Scripture (If scheduled)

Special Music (If scheduled)

Concerns & Celebrations
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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#### Response

Hear our prayer O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

#### Offering & Mission

**Doxology #46** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

#### Unison Prayer of Dedication

With these offerings, O God, we dedicate ourselves to showing love by our actions. May they be our witness in the world. AMEN.

Hymn Announced Scripture Reading Message Musical Interlude

Hymn: TBA

Responsive Benediction (inspired by Luke 17: 5-6)

Response #351 – Go Now in Peace (NEW)

Postlude

# We Walk By Faith





Edward Perronet, for a time an associate of the Wesleys, later became a Congregational minister. Rippon altered Perronet's text and added several stanzas of his own.

PRAISE TO CHRIST



WORDS: Attr., Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836, alt. MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1859

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Londoner Dorothy Ann Thrupp was a frequent contributor of children's hymns. Baptist American William Bradbury wrote countless hymns and edited over seventy hymnbooks.

# Go Now in Peace

(Shalom Chaverim)



Go now in peace, go now in peace, go now in peace. Sha - lom cha-ve-rim, sha - lom cha-ve-rim. Sha - lom, sha - lom.



We'll meet here a-gain, we'll meet here a-gain, go now in peace. Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.

WORDS: Traditional Hebrew blessing

MUSIC: Israeli melody

SHALOM Irr.

Shalom is the familiar traditional Hebrew word of greeting — suitable for meeting or parting.

GOING FORTH