

**Welcome to Celebration Presbyterian Church**  
Welcome, friends, from far and near. Let us worship God who is surely here. Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give; then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. \*Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. \*Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Could it be that we have not fully understood the meaning of the resurrection? Can it be that we are like the disciples and have hidden ourselves behind closed doors, fearful of what might happen when we take risks in Christ's name. Can it be that we are still living on the other side of the resurrection, doubting what we cannot see and confused about what we do see? As you came Holy God, to the disciples, come into our midst. Stand among us and let us hear your words of peace again. Empower us with the breath of your mighty Holy Spirit and help us to believe even when we have not seen.

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of EASTER**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ candle

**\*Hymn No. 269** *Lead on, O King Eternal*

Greeting Cecilia Evans  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ  
The Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you!**  
*(Please exchange signs of Christ’s peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ near you)*

**TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD**

**\*Responsive Call to Worship** Liturgist: Kathy Wechter  
When it was evening on that day...and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you”. (John 20:19)  
**We, too, have gathered behind closed doors, afraid that the forces of evil are more than we can tolerate.**  
Thomas took the leap of faith and declared of the resurrected Christ, “My Lord and my God”! (John 20:28)  
**Breathe on us, O breath of God, and set within us a new and contrite heart. Come into our worship to renew and sustain our faith in your promises**

**\*Hymn No. 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Call to Confession Liturgist: Kathy Wechter  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

**Unison Prayer of Confession** Liturgist: Kathy Wechter  
**O peace-loving and peace-giving God, we confess that our doubts are often stronger than our faith. We are afraid to risk that which we know for that which is uncertain. We pride ourselves in being practical with both feet on the ground and shun that which demands a leap of faith. There is comfort and safety behind doors closed to our weakness. O God, who has promised a new order of things, and who has assured us, through Christ, of an abiding source of power, push us into the hubbub of life so that we might profess with Thomas before all humanity, "My Lord and My God: hear this our confession as we make it in the name of the one who loves and forgives us, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon** Liturgist: Kathy Wechter  
Friends, hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

Time With Young Disciples *Children’s Church follows in Room 5*  
*The children are invited to come to the steps for the Time With Young Disciples*

**TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP**

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Cecilia Evans  
*Please pass your prayer cards to an usher.*

**Prayer of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer (“debts and debtors”)**  
**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, for ever. Amen.**

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Alleluia*  
Celebration Choir

**\*Doxology Hymn No. 606**  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**  
**We have seen the scars and wounds of the resurrected Christ. They are our scars, too. They are the wounds of humanity that you have called us to heal. It is of no value to hide our gifts and our talents behind the closed doors of pain and suffering. Give them swift feet to go into all the world. Give them gentle hands to minister mercifully to the hurting. Give them tender lips to whisper words of peace, love, acceptance, and hope to all in need of encouragement and promise. In Jesus name. Amen.**

**TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND SHARED WITNESS**

Scripture **John 20:19-29** Good News Translation  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon *The Charter of the Church* Rev Billy Moore

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostle’s Creed*  
*PCUSA Book of Confessions*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 581** *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

**AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

\*Charge and Benediction

**\*Hymn No. 321** *The Church’s One Foundation*

\*Postlude

(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Apr 8	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Café for Youth	11:00 am
Mon Apr 9	Memorial Service for Bill Powell	2:00 pm
Tue Apr 10	Quilters	10:00 am
Wed Apr 11	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Apr 12	Team "D" cooks at The Shepherd's Table	2:00 pm
	Potluck Fellowship Dinner	6:00 pm
	Packing of hygiene kits to follow dinner	
Sun Apr 15	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Café for Youth	11:00 am
	<b>STATED SESSION MEETING</b>	12:15 pm

**Serving April 8**  
**Visitor Table:** Margaret Reeder      **Nursery:** Betsy Hughes  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Billy Moore  
**Media Shout:** Katrena White      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Kathy Wechter  
**Elder of the Week:** Terry Pettijohn – 843-796-3212  
**Ushers:** Rick and Nancy Thornburgh

**Serving April 15**  
**Visitor Table:** Betsy Hughes      **Nursery:** Nanette Kelly  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Nancy Torcivia  
**Elder of the Week:** Nancy Resnick – 203-376-3795  
**Ushers:** Bob and Linda Miller

**JOIN US AT CELEBRATION**  
*We are Christ followers who are open,  
accepting, loving and welcoming to all!*

**OUR MISSION** *is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior,  
Praise and Worship God, prepare our hearts to share God's  
Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!*

#### Upcoming Opportunities

**April 12** – Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm following by putting together the hygiene kits. We are collecting hygiene items and men's socks, underwear, and T-shirts for the Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach. They are in need of travel size shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, wash cloths, deodorant, band aids, first aid cream, combs, brushes, razors, etc. There is a basket in the hallway for the collection of these items. Our goal is to collect 1,000 items. As we put the care kits together, we would like to include one of each item if possible.

**April 15** – Stated Session Meeting, 12:15 pm

**April 16** – GOD GAB at The Grumpy Monk, 6pm Join us and bring a friend to The Grumpy Monk on April 16, 6pm, for our next GOD GAB. This is a time of fellowship and group discussion. This month we will be discussing Loving One Another and how to apply this to our everyday life. This is a great time to get to know each other and learn more about applying scripture to our everyday lives.

**April 29** – Celebration's 15-Year Anniversary Celebration  
Reception after Worship Join us

**May 5** – Belk Charity Days 6am-10am  
Tickets on sale April 15, 22, 29 - \$5.00  
Relay for Life at Market Common 11am-11pm

**May 8** – Movie Night 6pm *Joshua* will be shown

**May 10** – Dinner at Chili's Restaurant

**May 12** – Bike Blessing

**June 6** – Blood Drive

**June 14** – Potluck murder mystery party

**June 28** – Baseball outing

***Celebration Presbyterian Church***  
***April 8, 2018 11:00 a.m. Worship***  
***Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful***  
***Mission and Ministry!***



*Eastertide*



CELEBRATION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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