

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
Come amongst us, Lord. Enable us to see you, to hear you and to feel you as we gather to praise you at the dawn of this New Year. In this hour of worship, we invite you to take away the pain and disappointment of the year that is past, cleanse us of any sin that we are still hanging on to, and set us on a path of righteousness as we start this year in your presence, singing your praises. Amen.

Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, December 30, 2018	1st Sunday after Christmas
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

Lighting the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle Jeffrey Waltemeyer

***Hymn No. 110** *Love Has Come*

Greeting
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: Carol Butler
We are brought together by the call of God,
the One who has loved us from the beginning.
We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit,
the One who has challenged us to love more deeply.
We worship together in the name of Christ,
the One who was Love made flesh.

***Hymn No. 134** *Joy to the World*

Call to Confession Liturgist: Carol Butler
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: Carol Butler
Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Carol Butler
God knows us fully and yet overflows with love and mercy for us. Leave your shortcomings of 2018 with God and go forth to walk more closely with God in 2019. Friends hear the Good News and believe it:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Christmas Affirmation of Faith -
We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Jesus Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen. (Written by Nathan Nettleton, 1999.)

***Hymn No. 583 (Latin/English)** *Glory 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

***Special Music** *Noel* Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman
Sarah Abushakra, solo

TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

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

Prayer of Intercession 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. 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 as Faithful Stewards
All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. 2 Peter 3:8-15

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Lloyd Larson
Celebration Choir

***Doxology Hymn No. 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, al-le-lu--ia!

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
Gifting God, how can we give thanks to you who has given us everything we have and everything we are? We offer these gifts, and we offer thanks and praise for all your wondrous works on our behalf and your good and perfect gift of Jesus Christ. Teach us to grow in gratitude that your generosity might be set loose in the world. Through your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND WITNESS

Scripture **Luke 2:21-40** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Jesus the Light of the World* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn No. 127** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
Jesus the Light of the World

***Postlude** Sarah Abushakra
(*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)



CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Dec 30	1st Sunday after Christmas	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	5 th Sunday Offering will be received	
Tues Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Sun Jan 6	Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am

Serving December 30

Visitor Table: Betsy Hughes **Nursery:** Vicki Simon
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Carol Butler
Liturgist: Carol Butler
Elder of the Week: Bernadine Lamar – 843-234-1935
Ushers: Bob and Linda Miller, Barb Johnson

Serving January 6

Visitor Table: **Nursery:**
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Nicklaus McIlrath
Liturgist: Carla Baker
Elder of the Week: Priscilla Mulligan – 843-903-1960
Ushers: Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard
Communion Elders: Nancy Torcivia, Carol Butler, Barbara Barranco, Bob Miller, Katrena White

Our Purpose

To Celebrate God's Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.

JOIN US AT CELEBRATION

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

Upcoming Opportunities

Sun Dec 30 – 5th Sunday Offering will be received **5th Sunday** this is a Special Offering to allow for the care, upkeep and improvement of our property

Jan 13 – Housewarming Shower for Trudy Miller following worship


SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS:



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December 30, 2018
11:00 a.m. Worship

Celebrating our 16th year of Faithful Mission and Ministry!

CHRISTMASTIDE

A period of twelve days beginning with Christmas Day, Christmastide is the joyous culmination of the reflection and waiting that characterized Advent. We celebrate . . . The One True Light . . . Employing candlelight and lighted trees to symbolize the light that shines in darkness and shining that light on the dark places of our world. The Incarnation . . . Demonstrating through acts of love and giving what it means for the Word to be made flesh. Emmanuel, God-With-Us . . . Identifying with the broken world and ministering to it even as we recognize our own brokenness. Our Redeemer . . . Reflecting and praying about the ultimate fulfillment of God's saving purpose and its beginning in the birth of Jesus.

God Bless and Guide Us All In 2019!

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!