

**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**  
**John the Baptist, by Trina Zelle**  
This strange child of their old age didn’t laugh much  
small hands dry as the sandy soil in which he played  
with single-minded urgency he would hug his old mother  
and stare down the shimmering road over her shoulder.

*Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!*

<b>Sunday, December 9, 2018</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>
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**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

**Prelude** Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

**Advent 2** – Lighting Candles 1 and 2 on the Advent Wreath  
The Sinnet Family

**\*Hymn No. 88 Verse 2** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**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: Rick Thornburgh  
God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of God’s servant David.  
**Blessed be the Lord our God!**  
God has shown mercy and remembered the holy covenant,  
**That we might serve God without fear.**  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
**God will guide our feet into the way of peace.**  
Let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn No. 106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

**Call to Confession** Liturgist: Rick Thornburgh  
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: Rick Thornburgh  
**We seek to serve you, O Lord, with glad and generous hearts. Forgive us when our hearts are hardened and move us to trust the depth of your promise. We seek to live as baptized people repenting of sin and sharing your grace. Forgive us when we fall into selfish ways and move us to know the goodness of your call. Have mercy on us, O God. By your grace, cleanse us. By your providence, help us to learn from our mistakes. By your Holy Spirit, equip us to love and honor you. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Savior, Emmanuel!**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon** Liturgist: Rick Thornburgh  
Friends hear the Good News and believe it:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

**Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27*  
*PCUSA Book of Confessions*  
**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.**

**\*Hymn No. 592** *Holy, Holy, Holy* SANCTUS

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  
**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 *Peace Has Come* by Mary McDonald  
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**  
**Giving God, your Word teaches us to give thanks to you in whatever we do. With these gifts, we lift up thanks and praise for all your good gifts to us and to our world. Use these gifts, use us, use your world, that your glory and grace may abound. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND WITNESS**

Scripture **Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-10** NRSV  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Speaking Truth to Power – Preparing the Way* Tom Dendy

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

Call to Order the Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders  
Slate of Elder Nominees presented by the Nominating Committee:  
Class of 2019–Terry Pettijohn,  
Class of 2020—Jeanne Bredbeck, Ken Krenzer,  
Class of 2021–Myra Burrows, Kathy Wechter, Katrena White

\*Charge and Benediction

**\*Hymn No. 109** *Blest Be the God of Israel*

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

**Emmanuel by Lisa Wells Isenhower**  
**from Alive Now! Nov/Dec. 1990**  
*Emmanuel*  
*You come in silence*  
*to my world of crooked noisy places,*  
*places rough with agendas*  
*that leave me bruised,*  
*spirit light low,*  
*a bare glowing ember.*  
*Emmanuel*  
*I will give you quiet moments,*  
*bits of silence stolen*  
*in the clamor of the streets.*  
*Let my silence straighten*  
*a way for you*  
*to smooth my rough spots,*  
*to heal my bruised spirit,*  
*to fan my faith's faint flame,*  
*to prepare in me a vessel*  
*for your incarnation.*

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
<b>Sun Dec 9</b>		
<b>ADVENT 2</b>		
	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Cafe	11:00 am
<b>A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, December 9 at the close of worship to ELECT ELDERS.</b>		
	<b>STATED SESSION MEETING</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>
Tues Dec 11	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Dec 12	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Dec 13	Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table	2:00 pm
<b>Sun Dec 16</b>		
<b>ADVENT 3</b>		
	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Cafe	11:00 am
<b>Joy Offering Received</b>		

**Serving December 9**  
**Visitor Table:** Priscilla Mulligan      **Nursery:** Leslie Eckert  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Media Shout:** Katrena White      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Rick Thornburgh  
**Elder of the Week:** Priscilla Mulligan – 843-903-1960  
**Ushers:** Bob and Linda Miller, Barb Johnson

**Serving December 16**  
**Visitor Table:** Barbara Barranco      **Nursery:** Donna Woodard  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Anne Brallier  
**Elder of the Week:** Carol Butler – 843-234-1573  
**Ushers:** Bob and Linda Miller, Barb Johnson

**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 9 – **\*A Congregational Meeting is called for today, at the close of worship to ELECT ELDERS.**  
 Thu Dec 13 – Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table, 2pm  
 Sun Dec 16 – The Joy Offering will be received  
 Mon Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion 7:00pm  
 Tues Dec 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
 Sun Dec 30 – 5th Sunday Offering will be received

**SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Advent 2**  
**December 9, 2018**  
*11:00 a.m. Worship*  
*Celebrating our 16<sup>th</sup> year of Faithful Mission and Ministry!*



**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!*