

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
Born by the Spirit into the Life of God -- Jesus tells us that we need to be born again into the dynamic life of our Creator. In faith, we are baptized and receive the Holy Spirit (John 3:1-17). This same Spirit leads us to new life and adopts us as God’s children (Romans 8:12-17). The ruler of the universe promises to save His children, giving them strength and peace (Psalm 29). Our response of gratitude is to cry, “Here am I, Lord! Send me (Isaiah 6:1-8)!

Beginning our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, May 27, 2018	TRINITY SUNDAY
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Christopher Wright

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ candle

***Hymn No. 10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

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

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, and Announcements

Reception of New Members 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** (Isaiah 6:3) Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is full of God’s glory.
God, the Three in One is with us;
Holy and One is our God.
Let us worship the Triune God together!

***Hymn No. 4** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Call to Confession Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
Friends we have an Advocate with God, the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Let us, with the Spirit’s help, bring to God our sins and cares collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
Holy Trinity, in your dance of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, you have given us the perfect model for community. Yet we have not always nourished this gift. We have not always opened our hands to friendship. We have enjoyed stepping on the toes of others far too often. We have carried immense baggage and used it as obstacles between us and others. We have preferred superiority to kindness, and false appearances to truthful living. We have cultivated the admiration of the strong at the expense of nourishing relationships with those on the margins. You know, Holy Trinity, when we have not lived up to the best of community with each other, and thus not nourished our relationships with you. Forgive us, we pray.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
Those who ask for God’s forgiveness with a truthful heart are never turned away. Accept God’s mercy and grow to be more open to community each day, with each other and with our Triune God.
Friends hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

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

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 (“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. 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 *Christ Be with Me* by Noel Rawsthorne
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**
Loving God, we are so grateful for the many blessings you give to us. May these gifts we bring support your ministry in this church and in the world. Use them for your service, that lives and hearts will be touched by them. May they provide a path for others to know your love and become a part of your holy family. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND SHARED WITNESS

Scripture **John 3:1-17** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon *Ever Learning More of God* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

***Hymn No. 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Postlude Christopher Wright

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

Today is TRINITY SUNDAY!!! Who is the Trinity? So what?

The doctrine of the Trinity is the bedrock of Christian belief and practice. It presents an understanding of reality that is saturated with the presence of God. The undivided eternal relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is pure noncontingent being from which all is created and renewed. The Christian life is lived in the context of the Trinitarian relationship. Self-giving love imitates the very nature of God's life.

"The Trinity—Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Three persons in one nature. Distinct and yet inseparable. Co-equal and co-eternal. The Trinity seems to defeat us. Scholars and theologians throw up their hands. Such is the sublime nature of dogma, however, that both the keenest intellect and the heart of the simplest workman are invited to grapple with its depths. A fisherman can understand that love is the organizing principle of the universe. A carpenter can grasp the miracle that the Son of God—I AM WHO AM--entered human history at a particular time and place. A mother—especially a mother—can understand that reality is undergirded by relationship, community." - Heather King

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS			
Sun May 27	NO Adult Bible Study through the summer.		
	Choir Rehearsal		10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship		10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church		11:00 am
Mon May 28	MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED		
Tue May 29	Offices Closed		
	No Quilters this week		
Sun June 3	Choir Rehearsal		10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship		10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church		11:00 am
	Holy Communion		

Serving May 27
Visitor Table: Joseph Mehalick **Nursery:** Betsy Hughes
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Nicklaus McIlrath
Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
Elder of the Week: Ken Krenzer – 704-929-0749
Ushers: Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

Serving June 3
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:** Nicklaus McIlrath
Liturgist: Carla Baker
Elder of the Week: Bernadine Lamar – 843-234-1935
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker
Communion Elders: Bernadine Lamar, Priscilla Mulligan,
Donna Woodard, Scott Sinnet, Katrena White

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
January-April 2018	
Income	\$82,525.73
Expense	\$87,627.47
Deficit YTD	[\$5,101.74]
<i>We can clear our deficit through April if everyone contributes an additional \$44.00 this month.</i>	

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
June 6 – Blood Drive 12noon – 5pm Soup and refreshments will be provided
June 13 – Movie Night 6pm – <i>All Saints</i> , light refreshments will be service.
June 28 – Myrtle Beach Pelicans Baseball Outing 7pm and East Coast Pyrotechnics Fireworks Extravaganza

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____

 **CELEBRATION**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 27, 2018
11:00 a.m. Worship
Beginning our 16th Year of Faithful Mission and Ministry!

TRINITY SUNDAY



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!*