

**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**  
O God, who has called the church into being as your witness in the world, we worship this day mindful of those who are initiated into that church. We celebrate the cleansing, empowering and accepting grace of the sacrament of baptism. We celebrate the unity of the church in your eyes, even as we regret our divisions and tension. We pray as we worship that we will become the community that nurtures those being baptized today. We pray that we will remember our own baptisms and be motivated to live up to the grace you showed us in those acts of the church. We ask that the sacrament of baptism today will become a start to passionate discipleship, inquisitive learning, brave devotion and sacrificial support. May the church edify those being baptized and may they become those who edify the church. Amen.

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

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**Sunday, September 30, 2018**                      **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

**Prelude**    Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ candle

**\*Hymn No. 749**                      *Come, Live in the Light*

**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  
Come and worship, for we are people of the water.  
**Like the Samaritan woman, we meet God at the well.**  
We are people of the water.  
**In hope, we trust that God draws nourishment, even from a rock.**  
We are people of the water.  
**We receive God's cleansing grace of the baptismal waters.**  
**All: Through water and word, we worship God.**

**\*Hymn No. 754**                      *Help Us Accept Each Other*

**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  
**O God, you are our life and breath, our light and fire, our teacher and healer. Forgive us for forgetting. We praise you for your handiwork in shaping creation. Forgive us when we have failed to protect the earth. We commit ourselves anew to serve you for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us when we have served our own needs ahead of others. We devote ourselves to prayer with and for your people. Forgive us when we neglect our prayers. We offer ourselves with vulnerability and look to you alone for strength. Help us Lord. Be our rest. Be our rock. Be our Lord. Amen.**

*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**                      *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. 582**                      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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 as Faithful Stewards

Offertory      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      Celebration Choir  
*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love. Here I find my greatest treasure, hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord I fell it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

**\*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**  
**Lord God, there are real needs in our community. While we are full, others are empty. While we are educated, others are longing to learn. While we are at peace, others are consumed by anxiety. While we have a place to lie down at night, others are longing for a place to call home. When we enter this place, we pray that you would help us to focus not on our needs but rather on the needs of others around us. As we now return to you a portion of the abundance you have offered to us, we pray that you would take our gifts and guide us in using them to bring fullness, learning, peace, shelter and other basic resources to the people around us. Amen.**

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

Scripture                      **James 5:7-16**                      **NRSV**  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Bearing Suffering with Patience, Prayer and Praise* Tom Dendy

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**  
\*Please follow along in the Baptism insert.\*  
We welcome *Sharon Lynn Barry* into the membership of Celebration today by Affirmation of Faith and Holy Baptism

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

\*Charge and Benediction  
**\*Hymn No. 761**      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*  
\*Postlude                      Sarah Abushakra  
(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

  
**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University meets each Sunday night at 6pm through November 18.**

