

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
Lord God, the sign outside says, “Welcome, come as you are.” We have responded. We have come. We are here just as we are — with visions for the future and shattered dreams from the past, with bodies that are fully functioning and physical ailments that are weighing us down, with minds that are confused and hearts that are broken, with an abundance of joy and a great need for laughter. We are here, Lord. Meet us where we are as we come to worship you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, September 9, 2018 **13th Sunday After Pentecost**

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ candle

***Hymn No. 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements,
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY VIDEO, 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 Nancy Torcivia
O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.
Some of us are tired. Some of us are energized. All of us can exalt God's name together.
O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.
Some of us are filled with peace. Some of us are consumed with worry. All of us can exalt God's name together.
O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.
Some of us have much. Some of us are have little. All of us can exalt God's name together.
O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.
Embrace us, Lord. Imbue us with your presence. We are here to exalt your name together!

***Hymn No. 686** *God of Our Life*

Call to Confession Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia
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: Nancy Torcivia
We saw him standing there on the edge of the highway exit. His sign said he was hungry and looking for food. We watched her push her overflowing cart down the street, carefully balancing the broken umbrella, red sweatshirt and cardboard box. We heard the rattle of his plastic container and his request for help, “Spare a little change.” We have seen and heard the cries of the needy. But we have failed to answer them. We have refused to look them in the eye, let alone look into their hearts. Forgive us, God. Help us to live as people who believe that whatever we do for the least of these, we do unto you. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia
We serve a God of second chances, a Savior who told us that the poor would always be with us. When we leave this place, we will likely see Jesus standing in our midst once again, seeking shelter from the storm, searching for a place to rest for the night, asking for a bit of bread for the journey. We can correct our ways. It is not too late. 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 *Faith and Hope and Love* by Kenton Coe
Celebration Choir
Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree.
But the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.

***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 G od, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, al-le-lu--ia!

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
What can we offer to you, O God, for all your blessings given to us? In one way, your demands are small: love, faith, trust. In other ways, your demands are great: our relationships, our belief system, our every moment, our whole selves. Now, in this time, in addition to our money, we each offer you more of ourselves, more of our lives. Come dwell in us and take all these offerings for your glory. Amen

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SHARED WITNESS

Scripture **Mark 7:24-37** **NRSV**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Jesus is a Dog Lover* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

***Hymn No. 542 (Vs.1 & 4)** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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



Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* will be offered at Celebration on Sundays at 6pm, from Sept. 16 – Nov. 11. There will be a preview of *Financial Peace University* after church today in the sanctuary. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Katrena White and plan to stay.

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Sept 9	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	He~Brews Café for the Youth	
Congregational Meeting to elect 3 members to Nominating Committee		
	Financial Peace University Preview in Sanctuary	12:15 pm
	Stated Session Meeting	12:15 pm
Mon Sep 10	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night	5:30-7:30 pm
Tues Sep 11	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Sep 12	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sun Sep 16	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	He~Brews Café for the Youth	
	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – Session 1	6:00 pm

Serving September 9

Visitor Table: Linda Miller **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: Nancy Torcivia

Elder of the Week: Nancy Resnick – 203-376-3795

Ushers: Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

Serving September 16

Visitor Table: Nanette Kelly **Nursery:** Donna Woodard
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Carol Butler
Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills

Elder of the Week: Rick Thornburgh – 989-928-1215

Ushers: Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

FINANCIAL UPDATE
 January-August 2018

Total Income	\$160,491.34
Total Expenses	\$166,788.82
YTD Deficit	(\$6,297.48)

July 5th Sunday Offering for Property Care & Upkeep \$2,047.00

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

Sunday, Sep 9 - Adult Bible Study 9:15am
 Monday, Sept 10 – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5:30-7:30pm
 Sunday, Sep 16 – Adult Bible Study 9:15am
 - Baptism and Reception of New Member
 Sundays, Sep 16 - Nov 11 -- Financial Peace University, 6pm
 Tuesday, Sep 18 – Movie Night *Fireproof*, 6pm
 Thursday, Sep 20 – Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table
 Friday, Sep 21 – Breakfast Buddies, Donald's Pancakes 9am
 Sunday, Sep 23 – Adult Bible Study 9:15am
 Saturday, Sep 29 – *Fall on Broadway* fund-raising Concert
 Sun Sep 30 – Adult Bible Study 9:15am
 *Fifth Sunday Offering for Property Care & Upkeep
 Wednesday, Oct 17 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 3:30-7:00pm

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS:



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*September 9, 2018
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Celebrating our 16th 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!*