

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
The shadow of the cross is upon us. Come to us, O God in the shadow so that we might find solace, even as we participate in the crucifixions of the daily world. Be present, still our hearts and let us find our peace in you. Amen.

Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, April 7, 2019	5th Sunday in Lent
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

***Hymn No. 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRODOL

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: Nancy Torcivia
We gather to share in the gospel:
to lean on the story God's great love.
We gather to answer the call of Christ:
to walk the road that leads to a cross.
We gather to be the body of Christ:
to serve the one who is our Head.
We gather to follow the way of Christ:
to sing praises to our God!

***Hymn No. 769** *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

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
As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end, but we fear that we will join the crowd in shouting "Crucify Him." Forgive us, God of life, of all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 8:34: *If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me.*
Friends hear the Good News and believe it:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Affirmation of Faith
Adapted from Confession of 1967, 9.09 *PCUSA Book of Confessions*
God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. Thanks be to God!

Lenten Response Hymn No. 576 *Lord Have Mercy* SINGAPURA

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 ***Lamb of God*** by Twila Paris
Celebration Choir
Your only Son no sin to hide But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God Your gift of love they crucified They laughed and scorned Him as he died The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God I love the Holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious Blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God I was so lost I should have died But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod And to be call a lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious Blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

***Lenten Response Hymn No. 701** *Lord, Prepare Me* SANCTUARY

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
O Giver of all good gifts, you have demonstrated your love for us in the death of your Son, Jesus our Lord, who gave of himself so that we might have true life. As we have received abundantly, we now give to you out of our abundance for the praise and worship of your name. May we be good stewards of these gifts of your people so that your mission in the world may be strengthened and that all may join us in unceasing praise of your majesty. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND WITNESS

Scripture **John 12:1-8** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Sweetness of Loving Devotion* Tom Dendy

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

***Hymn No. 506** *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* COPELAND

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution and Prayer of Preparation
Sharing the Bread and Cup
**(Please hold bread/cup until all have been served and we will partake of communion together.)

Unison Prayer after Communion
We give thanks, Holy One, for the body and blood of our Lord, given with love for the world. Send us out in your Spirit to share the good news of salvation and give ourselves for others; in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

***Charge and Benediction**

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

***Postlude** Sarah Abushakra

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

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Apr 7	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
	Communion	
	Relay for Life Meeting	12:15 pm
Tue Apr 9	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
	Movie Night – <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	6:00 pm
Wed Apr 10	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Apr 11	Team A cooks at The Shepherd's Table	1:00 pm
Sun Apr 14	PALM SUNDAY	
	NO Adult Bible Study	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Cafe	11:00 am
Apr 15-Apr 22	Preschool Closed for Spring Break	

Upcoming Opportunities
Sun Apr 7 – Relay for Life Meeting, 12:15pm
Tue Apr 9 – Movie Night “<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>” 6pm
Thu Apr 11 – Team A cooks at The Shepherd’s Table, 1pm
Sun Apr 14 – Palm Sunday
Mon Apr 15-Apr 22 – Preschool closed
Thu Apr 18 – Team D cooks at The Shepherd’s Table, 1pm
Thu Apr 18 – Called Session Mtg. with Confirmands, 2pm
Maundy Thursday, Soup and Salad Dinner, 6pm
Worship Service with Holy Communion, 7pm
Special Offering for Shepherd’s Table will be received
Fri Apr 19 – GOOD FRIDAY
Breakfast Buddies, Early Riser, 9am
Sun Apr 21– Easter Sunrise Service 7am , followed by a light breakfast
EASTER Worship, 11am
Wed Jun 12 – American Red Cross Blood Drive, 12pm-5pm April 13 is the last day to give blood if you want to donate before our drive.



April 7, 2019
11:00 a.m. Worship
Celebrating our 16th year of
Faithful Mission and Ministry!

Serving April 7
Visitor Table: Priscilla Mulligan **Nursery:** Betsy Hughes
Children’s Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Bernadine Lamar
Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia
Elder of the Week: Rick Thornburgh – 989-928-1215
Ushers: Jerry and Jenny Taylor, Kerry and Nanette Kelly
Chimes: Kathy O’Halloran and Janet Rouseff
Communion Elders: **Rick Thornburgh**, Priscilla Mulligan, Cecilia Evans, Nancy Torcivia, Barbara Barranco

Serving April 14
Visitor Table: Barbara Barranco **Nursery:** Nanette Kelly
Children’s Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Carol Butler
Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
Elder of the Week: Jeanne Bredbeck – 843-347-5741
Ushers: Jerry and Jenny Taylor, Kerry and Nanette Kelly
Chimes: Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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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!

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!