

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

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.” -- Psalm 24:7-8

Prayer: Almighty God, as we assemble with fellow Christians in worship, grant that we may not be so taken up with our own plans and that we miss the proclamation of your presence at the gates and your entrance into our midst as the King of Glory. Amen.

Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, February 17, 2019	6th Sunday after Epiphany
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

***Hymn No. 19** *God of Great and God of Small* GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

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

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements
Receiving new member, Robert Callender, by Transfer of Letter from First Presbyterian Church Bloomsburg, PA 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
Let us open our ears, people of God
For God is speaking a Word among us.
Let us open our minds, people of God
For the Spirit is moving in this place.
Let us open our hearts, people of God
And worship the One who makes us whole.

***Hymn No. 172** *Blest are They* BLEST ARE THEY

Call to Confession Liturgist: Rick Thornburgh
Psalm 32:1-5 says, Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledge my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Friends let us confess our sins to God collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist: Rick Thornburgh
(Text from Jeremiah 17:5-10)

Thus, says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. Forgive us, God of grace, when we are burdened by the weight of the curse we choose. We put our trust in earthly things, rather than trusting the depth of grace. We put our hope in human beings, rather than acknowledging that only you are God.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhibited salt land. Forgive us, God of grace, when we find ourselves dying of thirst, not seeing the water of life that you have placed before us. Move us to recognize our relief. Move us to know the goodness of your call.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They are like a tree planted by water, sending out roots by the stream. Shower us with your grace, O Lord, that we may be trees planted by living waters. Nourish our spirits, enliven our hearts, enlighten our minds, and ease our burdens. Forgive us and free us to try again.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Rick Thornburgh
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
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. 595** *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 *How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Mark Schwiezer
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**
Generous God, you grant us your best gifts. May we be a generous and hospitable people with no strings attached. Take these gifts and fill them with your blessing so that they may make a difference in creation. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SHARED WITNESS

Scripture **Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *In Need of a Reality Check* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

***Hymn No. 47** *Bless All Who Trust in the Lord* FRANCONIA

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

The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because God loves us. – C. S. Lewis

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Feb 17	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
	Annual Meeting of the Congregation at the close of worship.	
Stated Session Meeting following worship		
Mon Feb 18	President's Day church offices closed	
	Preschool open	
Tues Feb 19	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Feb 20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Feb 21	Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table	1:00 pm
Sun Feb 24	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
	Relay for Life team meeting	12:15 pm

Upcoming Opportunities
Sun Feb 17 – He~Brews Café for the Youth, 11am
Annual Meeting of the Congregation at the close of worship
Stated Session Meeting following worship
Mon Feb 18 – President’s Day – Church Offices closed, Preschool open
Thu Feb 21 – Team E cooks at The Shepherd’s Table 1pm
Sun Feb 24 – Relay for Life team meeting, 12:15pm
Wed Feb 27 – Preschool Registration
Thu Feb 28 – Preschool Board Meeting, 9am



February 17, 2019
11:00 a.m. Worship
Celebrating our 16th year of
Faithful Mission and Ministry!

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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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!*

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!