



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 request on the back of a prayer card and write your name on the front and the ushers will collect the cards.

### ***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.

Sunday, September 24, 2017 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ***THE CHURCH GATHERS***

Prelude Sarah Abushakra  
Chiming the Hour

\*Hymn No. 307 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

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 those near you.)

### ***TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD***

\*Responsive Call to Worship Liturgist: Carla Baker  
God calls us into covenant this day. **We rejoice in the God of faithfulness.**  
Some are coming to enter the covenant with us. **We give thanks for their faith in God.**  
We all are invited to renew our commitment to God.  
**With joy, we pledge anew our lives to God in Christ Jesus.**  
Let the water be a sign of our covenant. **Let it refresh us and bring us new life.**  
With joy and thanksgiving let us raise our voices to sing God's praise.

\*Hymn No. 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No End BEACH SPRING

Call to Confession Liturgist: Carla Baker  
Friends, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is that with God, grace abounds and forgiveness is real to all who confess. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist: Carla Baker  
**You extend your grace in so many ways, O God. You love us and embrace us as your beloved, yet too often we bind ourselves in shame. You call us your children, made in your image, yet too often we act as if we do not know you. You clothe us in the glory of Christ, yet too often we refuse your gestures of grace and love. For all the times we have failed to respond to your grace, be gracious to us. Forgive us our shortcomings, and remind us of the cleansing, renewing love extended to us in the baptismal waters. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Carla Baker  
Friends, hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God**

\*Glory to God Hymn No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD  
\*The children are invited to join the Pastor on the steps \*

Time With Young Disciples Children's Church follows in Room 5

### ***TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP***

Sharing the Vision (Part 3) – Joe Alexander – Elder/Chair of Stewardship & Finance / Small Group  
Participant in the Mission and Ministry Strategic Planning Process

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns  
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings  
Offertory Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
Celebration Choir

\*Doxology Hymn No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication Gracious Lord of Life, we offer these our tithes and offerings to you.  
**Receive them as the first fruits of our labor that you may use them for the advancement of your kingdom. Shape us to be faithful stewards and grow us into generous givers. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ***TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT***

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**  
Sermon Lord Help Us Learn to Be Generous Tom Dendy  
\*Hymn No. 484 Out of Deep Unordered Water RUSTINGTON  
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (SEE BAPTISM INSERT)

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

\*Charge and Benediction  
\*Closing Hymn No. 36 For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYDY NOS

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

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Sep 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
Tue Sep 25	Quilters	
Wed Sep 26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sun Oct 1	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

Serving September 24

Visitor Table: Carol Lagassee

Nursery: Nanette Kelly

Children’s Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini

Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller

Preacher: Tom Dendy

Media Shout: Katrena White

Sound Board: Nicklaus McIlrath

Liturgist: Carla Baker

Elder of the Week: Ken Krenzer – 704-929-0749

Ushers: Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Terry Baker

Serving October 1

Visitor Table: Linda Miller

Nursery: Leslie Eckert

Children’s Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini

Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller

Preacher: Tom Dendy

Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar

Sound Board: Nicklaus McIlrath

Liturgist: Daniel Watson

Elder of the Week: Bernadine Lamar – 843-234-1935

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

Communion: Nancy Resnick, Nancy Torcivia, Larry Dowd, Ken Krenzer, Scott Sinnet

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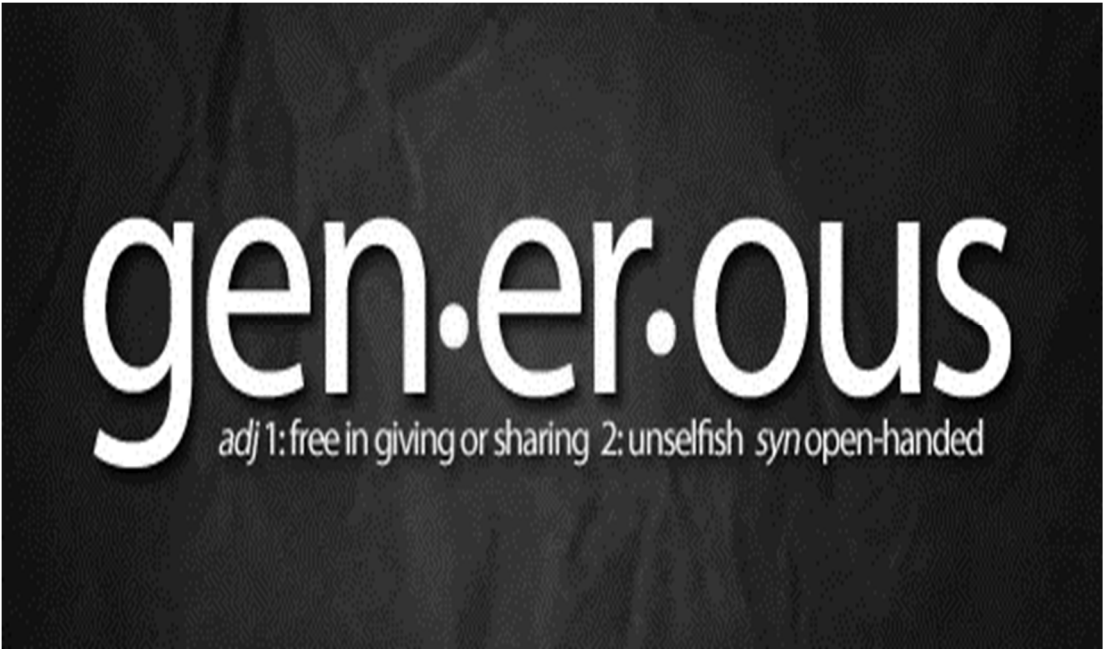
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OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior,  
Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God’s Word,  
and Provide Love and Service to ALL!

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**September 24, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. Worship**  
***Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!***



**JOIN US AT CELEBRATION**  
We are Christ followers who are open, accepting,  
loving and welcoming to all!