



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**

God, move in us today. Help us to be open to your transforming love. Open our hearts to be present in this time of worship, that we may experience you and praise you fully. Help us to let go of fears and judgments and ideas that hold us captive from freely experiencing your love through all of your creation. Transform our hearts through your word to receive and live your love in radical ways. Through Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Sunday, September 3, 2017      13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### **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: Kathy Wechter

As the deer longs for flowing streams so my soul longs for you, O God.

**We have come hungering and thirsting for you, the living God.**

The Lord is present in his holy sanctuary and draws us to himself.

**We enter boldly through the grace that he has shown us in Jesus Christ.**

We are gathered to exalt and magnify God.

**We are ready to worship and adore the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.**

\*Hymn No. 267      *Come Christians Join to Sing*      MADRID

Call to Confession Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

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: Kathy Wechter

**God of giving, we confess that too often we hoard our gifts. You give us gifts to speak and lead, and we pretend we cannot use them. You give us gifts of working with our hands and minds, and we use them selfishly, hide what we know or deny others who need our help. You give us gifts of vision and prophecy, and we remain silent. Open our hearts, God, so that we can contribute to your reign of love in this world by sharing our God-given gifts with all of creation for the sake of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

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**

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

*The Gift of Love*

by Hal H. Hopson

Celebration Choir

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

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication      **Here, O Lord, we give you a concrete expression of what we really believe. Bless it, O Lord, that it may bless others. Amen.**

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

Scripture

**Romans 12**

NRSV

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*Sharing God's Gifts of Grace*

Tom Dendy

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

\*Hymn before Communion No. 525      *Let Us Break Bread Together*      LET US BREAK BREAD

Invitation to the Lord's Table / Words of Institution / Prayer of Consecration and Preparation

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Distribution by Elders, please hold until all have been served)

**Unison Prayer after Communion      Thank you God for feeding and nurturing us at your table.**

**May this meal energize us to serve you among the least, the lonely and the overlooked. Amen.**

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

\*Blessing and Sending The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Kiser to her new call as Interim Pastor of Indiantown PC

\*Benediction

Tom Dendy

\*Closing Hymn No. 69

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM

\*Postlude

Sarah Abushakra

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

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Sep 3	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Communion, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
Mon Sep 4	<b>LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED</b>	
Tue Sep 5	First Day of Preschool	
	Quilters	10:00 am
Wed Sep 6	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Sep 7	LadyBug Luncheon at Tbonz	12:00 pm
Sun Sep 10	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, He~Brews Café for the Youth, Children's Church	11:00 am
	<b>PASTA WITH THE PASTOR</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>
Sat Sep 23	<b>Church work day</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>

**Serving September 3**

**Visitor Table:** Priscilla Mulligan      **Nursery:** Vicki Simon  
**Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini  
**Grades 1-5:** Trudy Miller      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar      **Sound Board:** Nicklaus McIlrath  
**Liturgist:** Kathy Wechter      **Elder of the Week:** Carol Butler – 843-234-1573  
**Ushers:** Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Terry Baker  
**Communion:** Terry Pettijohn, Rick Thornburgh, Barbara Barranco, Bob Miller, Joe Alexander

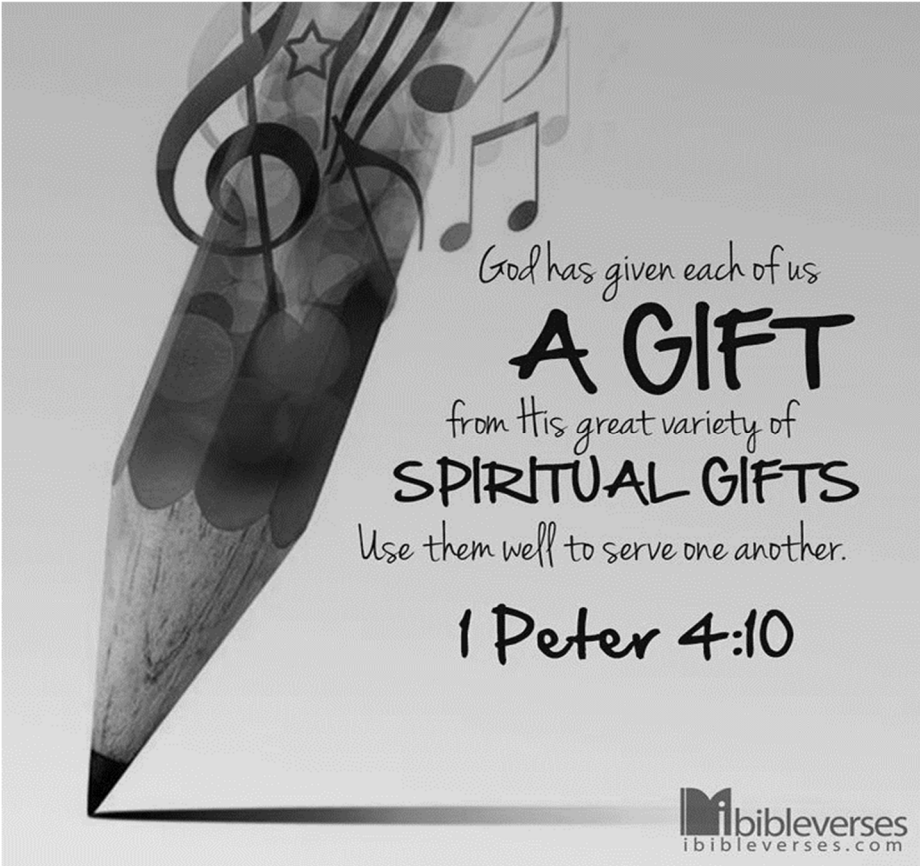
**Serving September 10**

**Visitor Table:** Priscilla Mulligan      **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:** Priscilla Mulligan      **Elder of the Week:** Cecilia Evans – 843-236-1153  
**Ushers:** Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Terry Baker

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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 3, 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!