

## 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

Eternal God, we wait upon you at this time, alerting ourselves to watch also for the currents of history, the rivers of time that roll on, generation after generation. We come especially to give thanks that your Son Jesus came among us to share our life so that we might share yours. Your Spirit inspires our prayers, in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

*Celebrating eighteen year of faithful living and giving!*

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Sunday, December 1, 2019 Advent I  
(\* If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Prelude** Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

**Advent 1** – Lighting Candle 1 on the Advent Wreath  
Kathy O'Halloran and Jeffrey Waltemeyer

\*Hymn No. 88 Verse 1 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

#### 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: Anne Brallier

Awaken to a season of anticipation. God is offering peace within and among us.

**How good it is to gather in God's house! God draws us together for this time of worship.**

God calls us to celebrate our diversity. Differences shall no longer divide us.

**We want to see one another through God's eyes. We will look for the good in our neighbors.**

Seek the highest and best for each other. Come to the mountain of God's love.

**We will follow in the paths where God leads. Our ears are open to hear God's instruction.**

\*Hymn No. 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRODOL

#### Call to Confession

Liturgist: Anne Brallier

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: Anne Brallier

**Eternal God, you have brought us to this moment of confrontation. We cannot escape your judgement of our hidden deceits. You know when we are jealous of others. You observe our quarrels with one another. You see how we seek self-gratification rather than the ways you intend for us. Our physical desires are more important to us than the spiritual hungers we suppress. Come among us now to turn us toward the paths where you want to lead us.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

#### Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Anne Brallier

Friends hear the Good News and believe it:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

**Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*  
*PCUSA Book of Confessions*

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.**

\*Hymn No. 134 Verse 1 *Joy to the World, The Lord is Come*

*The children are invited to come to the steps for the Time with Young Disciples*

**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  
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

Offertory Celebration Choir

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

#### \*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Thank you, God, for the privilege of sharing your bounty with those in need. Thank you for prospering our work and witness. We seek to walk in you light and follow the pathways where you lead. We want to share the good news of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all your people be made ready for Christ's coming. Amen.**

### TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND WITNESS

Scripture Isaiah 9:2b-7 NRSV  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Walk in the Light* Tom Dendy

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*Hymn No. 127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*Jesus, the Light of the World*

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

**God of grace and peace, thank you for feeding us at your table. May we take the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace fully into our bodies that we may be enriched and inspired by Christ to share His love, joy and peace with others whom we encounter daily.**

### AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Hymn No. 314 Verse 1 *Longing for Light, We Wait in the Darkness*

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

*Let us live honorably as in the day.  
May we have nothing to hide from God or others.  
Jesus is the light of the world!  
Let us walk in the light of God's love.  
Let us ready ourselves  
for the coming Christ of Christmas!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
As we wait expectantly for Christ our King.*

**CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS**

<b>Sun Dec 1</b>	<b>Advent I – O’Halloran/Waltemeyer Family - Wreath</b>	
	NO Adult Bible Study	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am
	Holy Communion	
<b>Tue Dec 3</b>	<b>QUILTERS</b>	10:00 am
<b>Wed Dec 4</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
<b>Sat Dec 7</b>	Ladies Christmas Luncheon	12:00 pm
<b>Sun Dec 9</b>	<b>Advent II – The Tiani Family - Wreath</b>	
	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

**Upcoming Opportunities**

Dec 15 – Christmas Cantata during morning worship, 11 am  
 Dec 15 – Stated Session Meeting, 12:15pm  
 Dec 19 – Team C Cooks at The Shepherd’s Table, 1pm  
 Dec 20 – Breakfast Buddies, Cracker Barrel, 9am  
 Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Family Worship with Lessons & Carols, **5pm**  
 (A Cookie and Milk/Coffee will be shared after worship.)



**Advent I**  
**December 1, 2019**  
*11:00 a.m. Worship*

*Celebrating eighteen years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!*

**SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Serving December 1**

**Visitor Table:** Priscilla Mulligan      **Nursery:** Leslie Eckert  
**Children’s Church:** Trudy Miller  
**Media Shout:** Katrena White      **Sound Board:** Bernadine Lamar  
**Liturgist:** Anne Brallier      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Elder of the Week:** Ken Krenzer – 704-929-0749  
**Ushers:** Jesse Wallace, Cindy Smith, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker  
**Chimes:** Sharon Mook and Janet Rouseff  
**Communion Elders:** Ken Krenzer, Cecilia Evans,  
 Kathy Wechter, Carol Butler

**Serving December 8**

**Visitor Table:** Nanette Kelly      **Nursery:** Donna Woodard  
**Children’s Church:** Trudy Miller  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar      **Sound Board:** Carol Butler  
**Liturgist:** Sara Bamrick      **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Elder of the Week:** Kathy Wechter – 843-903-7052  
**Ushers:** Corey Jacobs, Kathy Wechter, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker  
**Chimes:** Cindy Smith and Kathy O’Halloran

**JOIN US AT CELEBRATION**

*We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!*

**Our Purpose**

*To Celebrate God’s Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*



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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!