

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

Light is synonymous with the Christmas season. As we gaze upon the decorated homes and trees, we see symbols of hope that light will battle darkness, heal and restore. It is only light that can counter that darkness. The lights on homes and trees are eventually taken down and packed away until next year, but the meaning of those lights lasts throughout the year. The birth of one Child brought a light that does not fade; a light that was desperately needed in a world of darkness, pain and loss. A light that would live on eternally...an Everlasting Light. Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ the Light of the World!

Celebrating Sixteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Advent III

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

Advent 3 – Lighting 3 Candles on the Advent Wreath The Sinnet Family

*Hymn No. 88 Verse 5 *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: Rick Thornburgh

Come away from haste and frantic busyness. This is the season for quiet waiting.

It is hard to still our souls when we are so busy. It is hard to be patient with ourselves and others.

Receive God's mercy and strengthen your hearts. A Savior is coming; God's love is near.

We want to hear and believe God's promises. We want to become patient, loving seekers.

God presents us with a high and holy way. Come before God now with praise and singing.

We sense the joy God offers to us. Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

*Hymn No. 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the Living God who is directly involved in the affairs of the world. I believe that God chooses the meek and the poor to shame the proud and the rich. I believe in the incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty.

I believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God, who came among us in weakness, that we might come to know the profound strength available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love. Yes, my friends, this I truly believe.

*Hymn No. 134 Verses 1-3 *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

As we join our voices in prayer and praise, so too, we bring together the symbols of our life investment: money we have earned, the hours we have before us, the abilities that are ours alone. Let us give ourselves with joy to the work and worship of God.

Offertory Instrumental

Sarah Abushakra

*Hymn No. 137

He Came Down

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Majestic God, thank you for inviting us to share the blessings you pour out on us. We want to extend the healing ministry of Jesus who gave sight to those who were blind and new insight to some who only pretended to see. Use our resources to heal attitudes as well as bodies, to bring wholeness, not just cures. Help us to address the inequities of the earth that leave so many without food or shelter or hope. Lead us into your realm in the midst of our daily living. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS IN SONG

*Everlasting Light
The Promise of Christmas*

Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, Larry Shackley

A Christmas Cantata sung by The Celebration Choir

*Everlasting Light
Narration
He Is the Light
Longing for the Light
Narration
My Soul Proclaims
Narration
Bethlehem, O Bethlehem
Narration
Shepherds and Angels
Narration
The Child of the Light
Narration
Everlasting Light (Finale)*

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 314 Verse 3 *Longing for Light, We Wait in the Darkness*

*Postlude

Sarah Abushakra

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*God has been present with us here today.
God also sends us out into the world.
The world we are about to enter is God's world.
We can count on God to be with us every day.
God's judgement is sure, but so is God's love.
God lifts up the lowly and offers them strength.
Our eyes and ears have been opened to God's truth.
We have good news for all who need to hear it.
Be patient with others and do not grumble.
Be patient with yourselves as you seek the Holy Way.
Like the prophets, we seek to speak in God's name.
Like lowly servants, we are eager to help others.
Amen.*

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS

Sun Dec 15	Advent III – The Sinnet Family - Wreath	
	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
	Cantata	
	Stated Session Meeting	12:15 pm
Mon Dec 16	S’Mores with the Preschool	9:15 and 12:45
Tue Dec 17	QUILTERS	10:00 am
	Daisy Scouts meet here	5:00 pm
Wed Dec 18	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Dec 19	Team C cooks at The Shepherd’s Table	1:00 pm
Fri Dec 20	Breakfast Buddies at Cracker Barrel	9:00 am
Sun Dec 22	Advent IV – The Tomlin Family - Wreath	
	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am

Upcoming Opportunities

Dec 23 – 29 Church Office Closed
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Family Worship w/ Lessons & Carols, 5pm
 (Cookie and Milk/Coffee will be shared after worship.)
 Dec 29—5th Sunday Offering will be received
 Dec 30-31 – Church Office Open
 Jan 1 – Church Office Closed



Advent III
December 15, 2019
11:00 a.m. Worship

Celebrating Sixteen Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____

Serving December 15

Visitor Table: Priscilla Mulligan **Nursery:** Vicki Jacobs
Children’s Church: Trudy Miller
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Bernadine Lamar
Liturgist: Rick Thornburgh **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Myra Burrows – 843-516-1701
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Kathy Wechter, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker
Chimes: Kathy O’Halloran and Sharon Mook

Serving December 22

Visitor Table: Barbara Barranco **Nursery:** Vicki Simon
Children’s Church: Trudy Miller
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Nancy Resnick
Liturgist: Carla Baker **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Terry Pettijohn – 843-796-3212
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Kathy Wechter, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker
Chimes: Janet Rouseff and Cindy Smith



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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.

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!