

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

Come amongst us, Lord. Enable us to see you, to hear you and to feel you as we gather to praise you at the dawn of this New Year. In this hour of worship, we invite you to take away the pain and disappointment of the year that is past, cleanse us of any sin that we are still hanging on to, and set us on a path of righteousness as we start this year in your presence, singing your praises. Amen.

Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, December 29, 2019

1st Sunday after Christmas

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

Lighting all the candles of the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle
Jeffrey Waltemeyer

*Hymn No. 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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: Anthony Tiani

The grace of God has appeared among us.
A child has been born, bringing God's salvation.
We have seen anew the light of God's love.
How splendid is God's gift to us.
Sing to our God a joyous new song. Sing to God, all nations of the earth.
Great is our God and greatly to be praised.
Ascribe to God the glory that is due.
Let the heavens be glad as the earth rejoices.
Glory to God in the highest heaven.
The Child of Bethlehem will help us know God.
We gather to celebrate all the wondrous things that God has done!

*Hymn No. 123 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Anthony Tiani

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: Anthony Tiani

God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you came in weakness, as a child. All season long we want more stuff, more for us, but you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels. When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord. When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel, have mercy on us, Father. When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and believing in Your Song, let your grace fill us, O God. Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. In His name we ask, Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Anthony Tiani

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

Christmas Affirmation of Faith -

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Jesus Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen. (Written by Nathan Nettleton, 1999.)

*Hymn No. 136 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

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 *Noel* Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman
Sarah Abushakra, Soloist/Pianist and Tom Dendy, Bassist

*Hymn No. 137 *He Came Down*

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

In this moment of worship, we embrace Your presence again, O God. And we offer You our love. In this moment of prayer, we proclaim again Your purpose for the world, O Savior. And we offer You our resources. In this moment of giving we hear Your call again, O Lord and we offer You ourselves. Use all that we have and all that we are to touch the world with the Christmas message: God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us. So, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Follow the Star* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 145 *What Child is This*

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

**Happy
New Year!**
2020!

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Dec 29	1st Sunday after Christmas	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
5 th Sunday Offering will be received		
Tues Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020	
Sun Jan 5	NO Adult Sunday School	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
Communion		

Serving December 29
Visitor Table: Margaret Reeder **Nursery:** Donna Woodard
Children's Church: Trudy Miller
Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Carol Butler
Liturgist: Anthony Tiani **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Jeanne Bredbeck – 843-347-5741
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker
Chimes: Cindy Smith and Kathy O'Halloran

Serving January 5
Visitor Table: Betsy Hughes **Nursery:** Donna Woodard
Children's Church: Trudy Miller
Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Bernadine Lamar
Liturgist: Carol Butler **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Jeanne Bredbeck – 843-347-5741
Ushers: Jesse Wallace, Bob and Linda Miller, Anthony Tiani
Chimes: Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff
Communion Elders: Jeanne Bredbeck, Carol Butler, Bernadine Lamar,
Terry Baker, Nancy Torcivia

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!*

Upcoming Opportunities

Dec 30-31 – Church Office Open – Final Church Gifts for 2019

Jan 1 – New Year's Day – Happy 2020 - Church Office Closed

Jan 12 – Adult Bible Study resumes with John:11, 9:15 am

Jan 21 – GOD GAB @ Bob Evans Restaurant / River Oaks and 501, 6pm

SAVE THE DATE – FUN FOR ALL AGES
Jan 31 – GAME NIGHT WITH INDOOR S'MORES 6-9PM

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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December 29, 2019

11:00 a.m. Worship

***Celebrating Sixteen Years of
Faithful Mission and Ministry!***

CHRISTMASTIDE

A period of twelve days beginning with Christmas Day, Christmastide is the joyous culmination of the reflection and waiting that characterized Advent. We celebrate . . . The One True Light . . . Employing candlelight and lighted trees to symbolize the light that shines in darkness and shining that light on the dark places of our world. The Incarnation . . . Demonstrating through acts of love and giving what it means for the Word to be made flesh. Emmanuel, God-with-Us . . . Identifying with the broken world and ministering to it even as we recognize our own brokenness. Our Redeemer . . . Reflecting and praying about the ultimate fulfillment of God's saving purpose and its beginning in the birth of Jesus.

God Bless and Guide Us All In 2020!

**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!**