

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, Spirit of God, to rest on our community, embracing the poor, bringing equity to the meek, turning away all expressions of evil. Come into this congregation to enliven our worship, to immerse us in righteousness, to prompt our faithfulness. Rain on us your hope and joy and peace, filling the whole earth with your glory. Amen.

Celebrating Sixteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!

Sunday, December 8, 2019 Advent II
(* If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

Advent 2 – Lighting 2 Candles on the Advent Wreath The Tiani Family

*Hymn No. 88 Verse 4 *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: Sara Bamrick

The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.

We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising.

The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon.

We come to this day with souls set on praying.

The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.

We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God's will.

In our praising, praying, listening, and responding,

we come to worship God.

*Hymn No. 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Sara Bamrick

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: Sara Bamrick

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Sara Bramick

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

Affirmation of Faith

Isaiah 11: A Creed

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day 'all tears will be wiped away' and 'the lamb will lie down with the lion'. We believe in the peaceable Kingdom and the Prince of Peace who loves, saves and sustains us. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed by Christ our Lord. This is our faith, and this our hope.

*Hymn No. 134 Verses 1 & 2 *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*

*Hymn No. 119 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Didi Zacks

*Doxology Hymn No. 137 *He Came Down*

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts to your purposes, amazing God! You inspired us to oppose wickedness, to stand for the oppressed, to work for harmony among all your people. Lead us, together, to your holy mountain, where all are valued, and no one is excluded. May our offerings spread the knowledge of your ways, across this earth, widening the circle of inclusion to embrace all your children, in Jesus' name. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-6

NRSV

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

Sermon *Preparing for the Coming Christ – O What a Wonderful World*
Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 314 Verse 2 *Longing for Light, We Wait in the Darkness*

*Postlude

Sarah Abushakra

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ADVENT COLLECT

Just and righteous God, whose wondrous deeds cause love to abound, and whose steadfast love and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another through our Savior Jesus Christ, open our spirits to receive your gracious gifts so peace may flourish within and among us until your glory fills the earth. Amen.

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS

Sun Dec 8	Advent II – The Tiani Family - Wreath	
	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:15 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am
Tue Dec 10	QUILTERS	10:00 am
	Movie Night <i>A Christmas Tree Miracle</i>	6:00 pm
Wed Dec 11	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sun Dec 15	Advent II – The Sinnet 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
	<i>Cantata Everlasting Light, The Promise of Christmas</i>	
	Stated Session Meeting	12:15 pm

Serving December 8

Visitor Table: Nanette Kelly **Nursery:** TBA
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

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

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.*

Upcoming Opportunities

Dec 16 – S’Mores with the Preschool children
 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**
 (Cookie and Milk/Coffee will be shared after worship.)
 Dec 24-Dec 27 – Church offices closed
 Dec 29 – 5th Sunday Offering received
 Dec 30 – Church Office open

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____

Helping Hand is in need of

soap (individual/trial sizes), razors, combs, lotion (individual/trial sizes), baby formula, and grits. We collect food each Sunday for Helping Hand and these extra items are needed at this time. Thank you for supporting our community.



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Advent II
December 8, 2019
11:00 a.m. Worship

*Celebrating Sixteen Years of
 Faithful Mission and Ministry!*



**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!**