

## 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

Amazing God, as leaders of old sought high places of encounter with you, lift us up above the fogs of our technology that we might meet you in this hour. If you have instructions for us, we want to hear them. If our lives need a change of direction, turn us around. If there is a prophecy we have ignored, reveal to us its meaning for us. If the Scriptures hold truth we have overlooked, awaken our attention and grant us courage to respond in new and positive ways. Amen.

### *Celebrating Eighteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!*

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**Sunday, February 23, 2020**                      **Transfiguration of the Lord**  
(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Prelude**    Sarah Abushakra and Peter Ncanywa  
Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle

Choral Introit        *Bach Suite No.1/Come Thou Fount*

\*Hymn No. 192        *Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining*

**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: Robert Callender  
The coming of a new day calls us to anticipate God's dawn. The day of God's dawning is like a morning star rising.  
**The light of God is like a devouring fire. God's brightness is too intense for our gaze.**  
Come up to the mountain of God's presence. Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.  
**We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty. We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.**  
Look up, and do not be afraid. Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before us.  
**We will serve our God with fear and trembling. Happy are those whose refuge is in God.**

\*Hymn No. 301                      *Let Us Build a House*

**Call to Confession**                                      Liturgist: Robert Callender  
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -- **I John 1:8-9**  
Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**                      Liturgist: Robert Callender  
**God of dazzling splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from your glory and pretending not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have tried to put our religion in a compartment separate from the rest of life. We have not thought to serve you in everyday encounters. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us to new life in all its fullness. Amen.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon**                                      Liturgist: Robert Callender  
Happy are all who take refuge in God. We are accepted as God's own children. To us, the Holy Spirit comes as a gift, interpreting to us the truth of the Scriptures. Do not be afraid of the vision God sets before us. A new day is dawning among us as we become aware that God is with us. Friends hear the Good News and believe it:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed PCUSA Book of Confessions**  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Hymn No. 582                      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Time With Young Disciples**                      *Children's Church follows in Room 5*  
*The children are invited to the steps for the Time With Young Disciples*

### TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

**Congregational Care Note** – If you want to request a home visit from the Elder of the Week or Pastor, please contact the church office.

**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 encounter the mystery of God's revelation, we approach the season of Lent with its opportunities for reflection and waiting on God for forty days and forty nights. Our church seeks to strengthen its ministry, not only among those already committed to the journey with Christ, but to our new neighbors and friends. Our giving is a symbol of our willingness to invest our time, talents and best efforts to bring God's vision for humanity to life.

**Offertory**    *Shall We Gather at the River*  
Sarah Abushakra and Peter Ncanywa

\*Doxology Hymn No. 609        *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia!**

\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication  
**God of clouds and devouring fire, we are amazed by the experience of Moses and the disciples of Jesus. They point us beyond our everyday attempts to be faithful to you. Enrich our lives in the season we are entering, that we may see the lamp of your love shining amid the shadows. Let your new day dawn among us as we invest ourselves in your purposes for humanity. May we sense the morning star rising in our hearts, giving hope to a world reclaiming the values of your reign among us. Amen.**

### TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

**Scriptures**    **Matthew 17:1-9**                                      NRSV  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**    *Are We Lost in a Fog?*                                      Tom Dendy

### AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

\*Charge and Benediction  
\*Hymn No. 319                      *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing*  
\*Postlude    Sarah Abushakra  
(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

Plan Now to Come to Celebration on  
Ash Wednesday, February 26  
Between 4:30-6:00PM for  
**DRIVE THROUGH ASHES**  
A team of leaders will be on hand to share the message of Ash Wednesday and impose a cross of ashes on your forehead.

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Feb 23	Book Discussion Group	9:00 am
	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
Mon Feb 24	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
Tues Feb 25	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Feb 26	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	<b>Drive Thru-Ashes</b>	<b>4:30-6:00 pm</b>
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sun Mar 1	<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>	
	Book Discussion Group	9:00 am
	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
<b>Communion</b>		

Upcoming Opportunities	
Mar 2	Adult Bible Study, 10am
Mar 5	LadyBug Luncheon, Old Bull and Bush, 12pm
Mar 8	Daylight Saving Time begins, Spring forward 1 hour 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
Mar 12	Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table, 1pm
Mar 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Stated Session Meeting 12:15pm
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Breakfast Buddies
Mar 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
Mar 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



**February 23, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**

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

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

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**Serving February 23**

**Visitor Table:** Betsy Hughes      **Nursery:**  
**Children's Church:** Trudy Miller  
**Candle lighter:** Jeffrey Waltemeyer  
**Media Shout:** Katrena White    **Sound Board:** Anthony Tiani  
**Liturgist:** Robert Callender    **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Elder of the Week:** Sara Bamrick—843-236-8290  
**Ushers:** Wayne Harms, Sharon Mook, Jesse Wallace, Terry Baker  
**Chimes:** Kathy O'Halloran and Sharon Mook

**Serving March 1**

**Visitor Table:** Heidi Cherry      **Nursery:** Donna Woodard  
**Children's Church:** Trudy Miller  
**Candle lighter:** Jeffrey Waltemeyer  
**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar    **Sound Board:** Anthony Tiani  
**Liturgist:** Nancy Thornburgh    **Preacher:** Tom Dendy  
**Elder of the Week:** Wayne Harms—843-347-6115  
**Ushers:** Corey Jacobs, Kathy O'Halloran, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker  
**Chimes:** Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff  
**Communion Elders:** Ken Krenzer, Katrena White, Barbara Barranco, Myra Burrows, Nancy Torcivia



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**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!*

**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!**