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, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than dimly burning wicks, that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world. Where there is injustice, help us work to change the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the marketplace. Amen.

Celebrating Eighteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle

*Hymn No. 482

Baptized in Water

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: Kathy Wechter

A voice of power and majesty calls out to us: I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

We are amazed that God knows us and calls us. By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.

God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed. Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.

Worship with joy and give glory to God's name. Listen for the new thing God declares.

We remember that we have been baptized. May we live as those with whom God is pleased and live out the covenant as beloved children of God!

Let us raise our voices to sing God's praise as we worship God together.

*Hymn No. 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
As we remember today the baptism of Jesus, we rejoice that we, too, have
been baptized in the family of faith. Our lives have been committed to the
way of Jesus. Yet, we have wandered from that way of life. Confession
allows us to turn around and rediscover the paths God intends for us. So,
let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

The prophets testify that all who believe in God's messenger receive forgiveness of sin through his name. We believe that Jesus is that beloved messenger, with whom God is well pleased. Through this One on whom God's spirit is poured out, like a descending dove, we know ourselves to be beloved by God, forgiven and freed from the bonds of sin. Friends hear the Good News and believe it:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith - A 21st Century metrical paraphrase of the Apostle's Creed Hymn No. 481

I Believe in God the Father

*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 come to the steps for the Time With Young Disciples

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

How can we share the message that God is impartial, that justice and peace are God's intentions for all humankind? We combine our individual efforts through the church, joining in programs, projects, and outreach that reflect God's light into the world. Our gifts of gratitude are one way of sharing.

Offertory

*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
We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you. We bring them to
encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf, that they
may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed
find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound
discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

Scriptures Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17 NRSV NRSV

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Difference Will We Make in 2020?

Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help, In Ages Past

*Postlude

Sarah Abushakra

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

God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice of flame
to be your people, faithful and courageous.
As your beloved Son
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.
We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

	CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Jan 12	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am	
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am	
Wo	11:00 am		
	Reception for Carol Butler		
Tues Jan 14	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am	
Wed Jan 15	BLOOD DRIVE 3:0	00 – 7:30 pm	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	
Thu Jan 16	Team B Cooks at The Shepherds Table	1:00 pm	
Fri Jan 17	Breakfast Buddies at Donald's Pancake House	9:00 am	
Sun Jan 19	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am	
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am	
Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Café			
	Stated Session Meeting	12:15 pm	

Serving January 12

Visitor Table: Heidi Cherry Nursery: Nanette Kelly

Children's Church: Trudy Miller Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer

Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar
Liturgist: Kathy Wechter
Preacher: Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Cecilia Evans – 843-236-1153
Ushers: Jesse Wallace, Bob and Linda Miller, Anthony Tiani
Chimes: Kathy O'Halloran and Sharon Mook

Serving January 19

Visitor Table: Linda Miller Nursery: Vicki Simon

Children's Church: Trudy Miller Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer

Media Shout: Anthony Tiani
Liturgist: Nancy Torcivia
Preacher: Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Ken Krenzer – 704-929-0749
Ushers: Jesse Wallace, Bob and Linda Miller, Anthony Tiani
Chimes: Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff

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

Tues Jan 21—GOD GAB @ Bob Evans / River Oaks and 501, 6pm Daisy Scouts meet here at 5pm

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

Feb 2—Ordination and Installation of Elders during worship.

Annual Congregational Meeting at the close of worship.



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January 12, 2020 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebrating Eighteen 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!