

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

God of the prophets, God of our dreams and our waking moments, God of our times of weeping and our days of gladness, lead us, we pray, from all that would destroy the best you have placed within us. Lead us toward those times and places where we can grow in the likeness of Jesus. Help us to discern the warnings and the invitations that come from you so our lives may be a beacon to lead others to fulfillment and joy in 2020.

Celebrating sixteen years of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Renee Jackson

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle

*Hymn No. 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old*

Greeting Cecilia Evans
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 Cecilia Evans
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: Carol Butler
The heaven-sent babe was born,
But the helpless infant was a threat to the king.
The holy family was led to Egypt and delivered from the oppressor.
They settled in Nazareth, thereby fulfilling the prophecy, "He shall be called a Nazarene."
God's mighty acts of deliverance continue to this day.
God can rescue us from all that threatens to harm us!

*Hymn No. 147 *The First Nowell*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Carol Butler

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: Carol Butler

God of light shine upon us. Move us to see the glow of your presence in the darkest places: the places where it seems impossible for a candle to hold its flame. Move us to know the light of your Spirit in the brightest places: the places where neon signs, LED headlights and fluorescent bulbs are nearly blinding. Move us to notice the light of your love in the loudest places: the places where the chaos and cacophony demand all our attention. Forgive us, Lord, of the ways we fail to notice and live in your good news. Move us to see you, to hear you, to feel your warmth. May we know the light, and never fear the darkness. For it was in the void of darkness that you formed the world, and it was in the dark of night that you came as a child.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Carol Butler

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

Affirmation of Faith

Cecilia Evans

From: PC (U.S.A.) Brief Statement of Faith
In Life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn No. 583 *Glory to God* GLORIA

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 Cecilia Evans
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

We are invited to praise God with the offerings of our best. In the generous spirit of the season, we give thanks for God's providence with an answering generosity. The needs of our brothers and sisters, both spiritual and material, cry out for the help we can give. What a privilege to act for God through our giving!

Offertory Instrumental Renee Jackson

*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 will give thanks to you forever, Holy God, for life, for breath, for health, for love, for mercy, for grace, for Jesus, for each other. Let your praise continually fill our mouths and our minds so that we might lead lives of gratitude and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND WITNESS

Scripture **John 17:20-26** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *To Catch the Dreams of Jesus* Charles Elliott

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Hymn No. 508 *Come to the Table*

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution and Prayer of Preparation
Sharing the Bread and Cup
**(Please hold bread/cup until all have been served and we will partake of communion together.)

Unison Prayer after Communion

With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all the saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 154 *Jesus Entered Egypt*

*Postlude Renee Jackson
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CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS

Sun Jan 5	No Adult Bible Study	
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	Holy Communion	
Tues Jan 7	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Jan 8	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thu Jan 9	LadyBug Luncheon at Carolina Ale House	12:00 pm
	Team A Cooks at the Shepherd's Table	1:00 pm
Sun Jan 12	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
	Reception for Carol Butler	

The Rev. Charles Elliott grew up in Charlotte, NC, graduated from Davidson College and received the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He has served pastorates in NC and SC and has been on two presbytery staffs and served at Thornwell Home for Children for eleven years. He retired in 2011, and after several Interim pastorates, he and his wife Caryl moved to Myrtle Beach in 2018. They have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Currently Charles serves as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, part-time.

Upcoming Opportunities

Thu Jan 16 – Team B cooks at The Shepherd's Table, 1pm
 Fri Jan 17 – Breakfast Buddies, Donald's Pancake House, 9am
 Sun Jan 12 – Adult Bible Study resumes, 9:15 am
 Tues Jan 21—GOD GAB @ Bob Evans / River Oaks and 501, 6pm

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

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:** Charles Elliott
Elder of the Week: Jeanne Bredbeck – 843347-5741
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

Serving January 12

Visitor Table: Heidi Cherry **Nursery:** Nanette Kelly
Children's Church: Trudy Miller
Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Carol Butler
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

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!*

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

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!*