

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

Holy God, we sense your involvement in our lives. Like a shepherd, you watch over us and provide abundantly beyond our needs. You lead us in right paths when we are tempted to go astray. You refresh us with living water that overflows with your generosity. Let your love light shine on us now to reveal truth we have not seen and open our eyes to possibilities we may not have realized. May we be receptive to learn from you and from one another. Amen.

Celebrating Eighteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!

Sunday, March 15, 2020 SEASON OF LENT 3rd Sunday of Lent

(*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. 165 (vs. 1 & 4) *The Glory of These Forty Days*

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 WORDS of Christ's peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ. {Please REFRAIN from physical exchanges with others i.e.: hugs, kisses handshakes, fist bumps etc.} Return to your seat as you hear the piano start the introduction to the hymn.)

*Hymn No. 400 *I Rejoiced When I heard Them Say*

(Refrain Only) Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near

TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Carla Baker

Come, you who are thirsty—

Here is living water.

Come you who are weary—

Here is the font of eternal life.

Let us drink from the well of grace.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn No. 177

I Will Come to You

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Carla Baker

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: Carla Baker

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger, and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is—the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Carla Baker

Friends hear the Good News and believe it:

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

Lenten Affirmation of Faith - Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the Church universal, entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has the Church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

*Hymn No. 322

We Are One in Christ

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

Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. – Matthew 6:21

Offertory

The Lord's Prayer

Sue Barkley, Soloist

*A Lenten Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

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*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

Scriptures

John 4:5-42

NRSV

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

Sermon

Finding Love Right Where You Are

Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 699

Fill My Cup

*Postlude

Sarah Abushakra

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

We talk about Lent as a time of invitation from God.

What does God want to give us this Lent?

We begin by looking at the story of a woman who sees how she can change her life – how she can change the patterns of her life. She leaves behind her fears and her embarrassment and begins a new life – she sees that God has an invitation for her and she says, Yes!

Lent is a season to be open and to receive. God is waiting to offer us a great gift this Lent: the gift of a relationship with God! But sometimes, we get caught up in our fear and our guilt and we focus on ourselves and our sin. So we hide. We can all think of things in our lives that we are ashamed of and we hide from others, and maybe from God's love.

Lent isn't really about us! Lent gives us a chance to look really closely at our lives and think about what we might want to change in it. How can we be better persons? If we only focus on our own sin, it becomes about *us*, and it is a self-absorbed exercise. When we are caught up in guilt, we are looking at ourselves. But what if we change the focus from ourselves, to God's love? Then, we come into the amazing awareness that even though we are sinners, we are loved incredibly by God. That is when we become people who are drawn back to that love and to our God.

- Maureen McCann Waldron

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Mar 15	3rd Sunday of Lent	
	Universal Christ Book Discussion Group	9:00 am
	Adult Bible Study of John's gospel	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Cafe	11:00 am
	Stated Session Meeting	12:15 pm
Tues Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day	
	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Mar 18	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Fri Mar 20	Breakfast Buddies at the Olympic Flame	9:00 am
Sun Mar 22	4th Sunday of Lent	
	Universal Christ Book Discussion Group	9:00 am
	Adult Bible Study of John's gospel	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am

Upcoming Opportunities
Mar 23—Preschool Closed
Mar 24—Daisy Scouts meet at the church, 4:30pm
Mar 29—5 th Sunday of Lent, (5 th Sunday Offering will be received.)
Apr 5—Palm Sunday
Apr 8—Maundy Thursday, Soup dinner 6pm, Worship 7pm
Apr 10—Good Friday
Apr 10-17—Preschool Closed
Apr 12—EASTER
Apr 19—Stated Session Meeting

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SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____

Serving March 15

Visitor Table: Nanette Kelly **Nursery:** Nanette Kelly
Children's Church: Trudy Miller
Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Anthony Tiani
Liturgist: Carla Baker **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Jeanne Bredbeck—843-347-5741
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Kathy O'Halloran, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker
Chimes: Cindy Smith and Janet Rouseff

Serving March 22

Visitor Table: Barbara Barranco **Nursery:** Vicki Simon
Children's Church: Trudy Miller
Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer
Media Shout: Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Wayne Harms
Liturgist: Anthony Tiani **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Cecilia Evans—843-520-6069
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Kathy O'Halloran, 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.*



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March 15, 2020
11:00 a.m. Worship

*Celebrating Eighteen Years of
Faithful Mission and Ministry!*



Third Sunday in Lent

**SHARE THE
LENTEN JOURNEY**

**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!**