

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

Let the winds of the Spirit blow in our midst today, loving God. Let us hear the sound and feel the power. Open our hearts in new ways to the promise of your healing grace so we may be a blessing to one another and to your world. We need courage to face the challenges and struggles of our life. We seek reassurance that you will be with us in our going out and our coming in. Strengthen our faith to withstand the trials and temptations that lead us away from a faithful journey with Christ. Amen.

Celebrating Eighteen Years of Faithful Living and Giving!

Sunday, March 8, 2020 SEASON OF LENT 2nd 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. 166 (vs. 1 & 3) *Lord, Who Throughout 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 ie: 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: Priscilla Mulligan
People of God, where do you put your trust? Where do we find wholeness and meaning?
We lift our eyes to the hills. Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.

We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah. We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm. We are born of the Spirit, born from above.

Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us. By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Christ, we receive the gift of eternal life.

*Hymn No. 169 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: Priscilla Mulligan

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: Priscilla Mulligan

Sending God, you speak to souls both calm and chaotic and summon us to follow. But your call threatens us to uproot our lives, so we disregard your voice and cling to the soils of safe, familiar places. Guiding Spirit your wind whips through the communities both settled and stirring and urges us toward new expressions of faith. But your call threatens to blow us off course, so we ignore your dynamic Spirit and shelter within protected harbors. Saving Christ, you enter into hearts both trusting and skeptical and plant within us the seed of faith. Forgive us when we ignore your summons to grow as disciples. Immerse us in the Spirit's sustaining waters so that we might respond to your call with faith and faithfulness.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Priscilla Mulligan

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

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and his resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

*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

Steal Away
Celebration Choir

*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

Thank you, God, for glimpses of eternity in the daily experiences of life. We are grateful for encounters that lift the horizons of our vision. We rejoice in the teaching and care you have provided to us. Bless now the gifts we return to you for the programs and outreach of the church. We want to share our faith with the world. We pray for trustful relationships among all your children. We rejoice together in the saving ministry of Jesus that inspires us to give our best. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND WITNESS

Scriptures **John 3:1-17** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Coming Out of the Dark* Tom Dendy

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn No. 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

*Postlude Sarah Abushakra

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CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Mar 8 2nd 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
Mon Mar 9 Adult Bible Study of John's gospel		10:00 am
Tues Mar 10 QUILTERS meet at the church		10:00 am
Daisy Scouts meet at the church		4:30 pm
Wed Mar 11 Choir Rehearsal		7:00 pm
Thu Mar 12 Team E cooks at the Shepherd's Table		1:00 pm
Sat Mar 14 Property Clean-Up Day		9am-12noon
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

Serving March 8
Visitor Table: Linda Miller **Nursery:** Donna Woodard
Children's Church: Trudy Miller
Candle lighter: Jeffrey Waltemeyer
Media Shout: Katrena White **Sound Board:** Bernadine Lamar
Liturgist: Priscilla Mulligan **Preacher:** Tom Dendy
Elder of the Week: Anthony Tiani—724-972-7303
Ushers: Corey Jacobs, Kathy O'Halloran, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker
Chimes: Kathy O'Halloran and Janet Rouseff

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

Upcoming Opportunities
Mar 16—Adult Bible Study of John's gospel 10am
Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20—Breakfast Buddies, The Olympic Flame, 9am
Mar 22—4th Sunday of Lent
Mar 23—Preschool Closed
Mar 24—Daisy Scouts meet at the church, 4:30pm
Mar 29—5th Sunday of Lent, 5th Sunday offering received

DAILY ONLINE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL – www.D365.org

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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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.*



March 8, 2020
11:00 a.m. Worship
*Celebrating Eighteen Years of
Faithful Mission and Ministry!*



**JOIN 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!**