

# *Welcome!*

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Our website [ChristCentralPCA.org](http://ChristCentralPCA.org) offers a lot of helpful information about our church family. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 813-774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at [church@ChristCentralPCA.org](mailto:church@ChristCentralPCA.org).

Here are some things that might be helpful to you:

- The Welcome Center is located in the lobby. If you are a first-time guest, we would love to meet you.
- Please join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby immediately after the worship service.
- We have bible study / Sunday school classes for all ages. You can find the time, topic, and location for each class at the Welcome Center.
- We have a clean, efficient and safe nursery available for infants and toddlers in the education wing of the church. We also have a cry room in the back of the sanctuary, so please feel free to use it when needed.

# Order for the Divine Service of Worship

November 27, 2016 - 9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.*

## Prelude

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Arr. Joel Raney

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## Silent Reflection

Advent means “coming.” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ. The lighting of the candles calls us to worship and sets this time apart as holy.

Of the five candles, three candles are purple, one is rose, and one is white. The purple candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. Purple also represents the attitude of humility and repentance with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

## Welcome & Announcements

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Olanzo James*

The First Candle is the prophecy candle. It reminds us that Christ’s coming was revealed by God through the prophets hundreds of years before Christ was born.

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

*Isaiah 7:14*

## **\*\*The Invocational Hymn**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymn # 208

## **\*\*The Invocation**

## **\*\*The Apostles' Creed**

*"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."*

## **\*\*The Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **The First Scripture Lesson**

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:  
2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. 5 Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isaiah 2:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

## The Confession of Our Sins

*"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"*

## Assurance of Pardon

18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; 20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 1:18-20

## The Second Scripture Lesson

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. 11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Romans 13:8-14

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## Pastoral Prayer & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

## The Anthem

*Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

Arr. John Rutter

Lo, how a Rose e're blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas fortold it, The Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love a right, She bore to men a Savior, When half spent was the night.

Lo, how a Rose e're blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

## The Third Scripture Lesson

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:37-44

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## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Hymn # 196

## \*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38

## The Offertory

*English Carol - Traditional*

## \*\*The Doxology

Hymn # 731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Children K4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades may be dismissed to Children's Church in Rm. 8*

## The Message

*Rev. John K. Keen*

*Senior Pastor*

## \*\*The Closing Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Hymn # 194

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Arr. Don Hustad

*\*\*All who are able, please stand*

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# Announcements

## Program Note Reminder *No Sunday School TODAY*

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.

## Help Send Our Team to Minister in Costa Rica!

On June 10-17, 2017 Christ Central is sending a team to Costa Rica as learners and servants to assist our missionaries in Costa Rica.

First and foremost, please help send us by praying for us. Next month, we will provide a prayer guide to assist you.

Second, you can support the team financially. There are two ways you can support us right now!

### 1. Purchase Pointsettias!

Each advent season our congregation has the opportunity to purchase pointsettias to decorate our sanctuary. This year, we will be asking for \$15 per pointsettia. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to fund our ministry in Costa Rica this upcoming summer.

Order yours by December 11<sup>th</sup>!

You may bring your pointsettia(s) home after worship on Christmas Day.

### 2. Treat Someone to a Dessert Tray!

The Costa Rica Team will be assembling dessert trays full of delicious goodies for the upcoming holidays! You can purchase either a small tray (4-6 people) for \$15 or a large tray for (8-10 people) for \$25.

Order a tray by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pick-up during Coffee and Conversation on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of our Costa Rica Team, "Thank you!"

Please use the order form included in the bulletin. Or, stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby and get an order form from one of our team members.

## Congregational Meeting

Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11, immediately after the morning worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2016 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and, 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

## Christmas Eve Worship Service

Please join us at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 24 for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

### **Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children**

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-7 / K4/K5 -2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Connie Trim & Diane Keen	3
Ages 8-10 /3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Gregg Quick	Rio Center
High School / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
Adult – Exploring Mark	Ben Lambers	15
Adult – Life and Writings of C.S. Lewis	Joe DeNitto	14
Adult – Hebrews	Randy Johnson	13

## This Week at Christ Central November 27 – December 3

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 am  
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am

TUESDAY: Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior Group, 10:00 am



## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

### *Birthdays*

*Anna Claire Lambers 12/3*  
*Carol Moberg 12/9*  
*Alex Fernandez 12/10*  
*Abby Johnson 12/15*  
*Pat Bardin 12/16*  
*Dave Bardin 12/17*  
*Chris Kladakis 12/17*  
*Jane Lambers 12/20*

*Judy Wildeboer 12/20*  
*Bryson Pothoven 12/22*  
*Joey Hickerson 12/23*  
*Eva White 12/24*  
*Hannah Johnson 12/27*  
*Margie Williams 12/29*  
*Andrea Cawley 12/31*

### *Anniversaries*

*Tom & Andrea Cawley 12/20*  
*Dave & Pat Bardin 12/29*

# Volunteers

## *Greeters / Ordained Officer*

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	The Waugh Family	Bryan Toenes
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Darby White	Servy Fernandez
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Randa Gravanti	Ken Jackson

## *Children's Worship Volunteers*

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Today:	Laura Strickland	Emily Strickland
Dec. 4:	Cathy Armstrong	Rebecca Armstrong

## *Coffee Volunteers*

Today:	Steve Strickland
Dec. 4:	Larry Dickey

## *Nursery Volunteers*

Today:	Randa Gravanti
Dec. 4:	Lisa Johnson
Dec.11:	Stephanie Williams

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<u>Next Week - Dec. 4:</u> Kelly Fernandez Lisa Johnson Cathy Armstrong Raquel Fernandez	<u>Dec. 11:</u> Stephanie Williams Beverly Thomson Pam Bergen Sheila Colbert
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