

# *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*

*December 4, 2016 - 9:30 AM*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

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

## Prelude

*Pastorale in F Major*

*J.S. Bach*

*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.

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

## Welcome & Announcements

# Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Lindsey and Connie Trim*

The Second Candle is the Bethlehem candle, which points to the Christ becoming man in Bethlehem.

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"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." *Micah 5:2*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## \*\*Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn # 214

## \*\*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

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling {6 Hebrew; Septuagint lion will feed} together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

O God our heavenly Father, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and who made the presence of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, manifestly known by the pouring out of your Holy Spirit; grant that we, your people, may repent of our sins, and be filled afresh and anew with Your good and gracious Spirit, so that we may live out the glorious gospel of grace with all the power you alone can provide. We humbly offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ... 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

## The Second Scripture Lesson

4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews {8 Greek circumcision} on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs 9 so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

Romans 15:4-9

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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

*The Promised Coming*  
*Arr. Benjamin Harlan*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Prepare ye the way the way of the Lord!  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!  
O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,  
Our spirits by Thine advent here: Disperse the gloomy clouds of  
night.  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

## The Third Scripture Lesson

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" 4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:1-12

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## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
Hymn # 201

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

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

## The Offertory

*Listen to His Coming*  
Mark Hayes

## **\*\*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*

## **\*\*Hymn**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Hymn # 193 (v. 1-2)

## **The Words of Institution & The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

*Wine is served in the outer ring; Grape juice in the inner rings.  
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

## **\*\*Hymn**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Hymn # 193 (v. 3-4)

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Toccata on Picardy*

*Gordon Young*

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

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# Announcements

## 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 next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>!

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

### 1. 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 TODAY.

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*).

## Youth Christmas Parties

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

- Kid Builders - Join Mrs. Lang in Room 10 for fun Christmas activities and pizza!
- MS/HS Student Ministry - Meet in the Rio Center for Christmas carols, snacks, games, and a gift exchange. *\*Bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$5 in value)*

## Christmas Eve Worship Service

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

## **This Week at Christ Central December 4 - December 10**

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| SUNDAY:    | Morning Worship, 9:30 am<br>Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am<br>Sunday School, 11:00 am<br>MS/HS Youth Meeting (Rio Center), 5:30 pm<br>Kid Builders (Rm 10), 5:30 pm<br>Adult Bible Study, 5:30 pm |
| TUESDAY:   | Ladies' Bible Study (Tietjen home), 10:00 am                                                                                                                                                         |
| WEDNESDAY: | Choir Practice (Rm 9), 7:30 pm                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FRIDAY:    | Senior Group (Library), 10:00 am                                                                                                                                                                     |

## 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         |

## *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>December</u> | <u>January</u>       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <i><u>Greeters:</u></i>         | Bryan Toenes    | The Fernandez Family |
| <i><u>Ordained Officer:</u></i> | Servy Fernandez | Alex Fernandez       |
| <i><u>Communion Set-up:</u></i> | Ken Jackson     | Donna Waugh          |

## *Children's Worship Volunteers*

|                 | <u>Teacher</u>         | <u>Helper</u>            |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Cathy Armstrong</i> | <i>Rebecca Armstrong</i> |
| <i>Dec. 11:</i> | <i>Sara Royer</i>      | <i>Alynn Cawley</i>      |

## *Coffee Volunteers*

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Larry Dickey</i> |
| <i>Dec. 11:</i> | <i>Brian Waugh</i>  |

## *Nursery Volunteers*

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Lisa Johnson</i>       |
| <i>Dec. 11:</i> | <i>Stephanie Williams</i> |
| <i>Dec. 18:</i> | <i>Hannah Johnson</i>     |

## *Fellowship Snacks*

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| <i><u>Next Week - Dec. 11:</u></i><br><i>Stephanie Williams</i><br><i>Beverly Thomson</i><br><i>Pam Bergen</i><br><i>Sheila Colbert</i> | <i><u>Dec. 18:</u></i><br><i>Holly Edwards</i><br><i>Diane Keen</i><br><i>Donna Waugh</i><br><i>Tami Pothoven</i> |
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## Sermon Notes