

# *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.
- As part of the covenant community, children are invited to participate in worship. We also offer a ***Children's Worship*** program during the sermon for children ages K4 through 2nd grade in Room 8. The children are dismissed during the singing of the Doxology by walking to the back of the sanctuary and following the Children's Worship leader out.

# *Order for the Divine Service of Worship*

*March 5, 2017 - 9:30 AM*

*First Sunday in Lent*

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

## **Prelude**

*When in the Hour of Utmost Need  
J.S. Bach (BWV 641)*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **\*\*Call to Worship** *(Please Stand)*

*Psalm 34:1-3*

**Leader:** I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**People:** My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

**All:** Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

### **\*\*Hymn**

God of Our Fathers  
Hymn # 710

### **\*\*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**

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 3 "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." 7 The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

## Assurance of Pardon

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

## The Second Scripture Lesson

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? 4 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not *mere* men? 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 NASB

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## The Anthem

*What Wondrous Love is This*

*Arr. John Leavitt*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, O my soul, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, Who is the great 'I AM,' while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing. Amen, Amen!

## 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 Third Scripture Lesson

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:1-8

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## **\*\*The Offertory Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Hymn # 164

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

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

## **The Offertory**

*This is My New Commandment (John 15:12-14)*

*Larry Shackley*

This is My commandment, that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you.

This is My commandment, that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, you are my friends if you do whatever I command you, if you do whatever I command you.

This is My commandment, that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

## **\*\*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**

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted  
Hymn # 257  
(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**

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted  
Hymn # 257  
(v. 3-4)

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Prelude in Classic Style  
Gordon Young*

## *Announcements*

### **Toddler Sunday School Assistant Needed**

Our Toddler Sunday School class is growing and Ms. Beverly is in need of a helper. Please contact Jamie Dalton 863-221-7888 if you are interested in serving in this position.

### **Costa Rica Mission Team Fundraising**

Our fundraising goal is \$5,000 (1/3 of the total cost of the trip). The total we have received so far is \$1,832.

**Upcoming:** All church fundraising lunch on **April 9**. Yum Yum...get ready to feast!

### **Spring Picnic**

This year, our annual spring picnic will be held on **Sunday evening, March 26th** from **5:00 – 7:30 pm**. There will be a bounce house for the kids and CCPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; *you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

***RSVP by March 19<sup>th</sup> if you are attending:*** Indicate your RSVP on the connection card or via email at [church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org).

#### ***Volunteers are needed in the following areas:***

- Grilling - 2 volunteers
- Food Preparation (Start at 4:00 pm) Need 2 volunteers
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:00 pm) - Need 4-5 volunteers
- Bounce House Attendants (Need 8 helpers, 20 min. shifts)
- Table Breakdown/Clean up (post-event) - Need 5 volunteers

If you can help, please contact Lisa Johnson.



# New Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning Today

## The Kings and Prophets of Israel

*Teacher: Bryan Toenes*

Written to Jews in exile in Babylon, I and II Kings tells of a time of glory for God's chosen people until the king of Israel turned away from his God and led the nation astray. For the next few centuries, God sent prophets like Elijah and Elisha on a futile mission to warn the people and call them to repentance. Join us this quarter as we study selections from these two Old Testament books to see how God preserved for Himself a faithful remnant and proved that He alone was God and worthy to be praised.

## The Church

*Teacher: Joe DeNitto*

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> century an early theologian named Cyprian said, "He cannot have God for his Father who refuses to have the church for his mother." In other words, Jesus does not save you as an individual isolated Christian; rather he saves you *into* his church. We are to make this practical and tangible in our lives by committing ourselves to a local congregation. This class will provide historical and Biblical support for the identity of the church, the marks of the church, and the mission of the church. Come discover anew your purpose and place in this Church.

## Exploring the Ten Commandments

*Teacher: Ben Lambers*

Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. writes, "God hates sin not just because it violates his law, but, more substantively, because it violates shalom, because it breaks his peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be. (Indeed, that is why God has laws against a good deal of sin.)"

Join us as we explore the moral law as it is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments and the Commandments' role in the Christian life.

# New Youth Sunday School Classes Beginning Today

## Middle School

### Letters from God

*Teacher: Danny Dalton (12 classes)*

The apostle Paul says in different places you *have been* saved; you *are* being saved; and you *will be* saved. In other words, some aspects of our salvation have been completed already, some are being completed right now, yet the full benefits of our salvation are still in the future. Come and learn what it looks like to live out your Christian life in the here and now, having full assurance of what God has already done and having hope of what God promises to do. This course utilizes New Testament Epistles (aka letters) to cover topics such as freedom from the power of sin, God's sovereignty over our circumstances, the fruit of faith, submission to authority, tithing, assurance of salvation, and the return of Jesus.

## High School

### Identity and Purpose (So What? GCP curriculum)

*Teacher: Randy Johnson (12 classes)*

If bicycles are designed for cycling and volleyballs are designed for playing volleyball, what are teens designed for? Who are you? Why are you here? What is your purpose? What does it mean that you are created in the image of God? This course uses Genesis 1-3 as a spring board to answer these questions. We will discuss what it means for you to live out your purpose in the context of work, marriage, sexuality, and worship, all in the midst of the hope we have in the gospel despite our brokenness.

*This Week at Christ Central*

*March 5 – March 11*

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am  
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 11:00 am  
MS/HS Youth Meeting (Rio Center), 5:30 pm  
Kid Builders (Room 10), 5:30 pm  
Adult Bible Study, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study (Library), 9:45 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Rehearsal (Room 9), 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Group (Library), 10:00 am

*March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

## *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 | Danny Dalton                 | Rio Center |
| High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade              | Randy Johnson                | Rio Center |
| Adult - The Kings and Prophets of Israel               | Bryan Toenes                 | 13         |
| Adult - The Church                                     | Joe DeNitto                  | 14         |
| Adult - Exploring The Ten Commandments                 | Ben Lambers                  | 15         |

### **CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 127

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 2,933.00

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12*

# ***Volunteers***

## ***Greeters / Ordained Officer***

|                                     | <u>March</u>                   | <u>April</u>                       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u><i>Greeters:</i></u>             | Darby White<br>Servy Fernandez | Andy Thomson<br>Brian<br>Armstrong |
| <u><i>Ordained<br/>Officer:</i></u> | Brian Waugh                    | Bill Cutler                        |
| <u><i>Communion<br/>Set-up:</i></u> | Judy Wildeboer                 | Randy Johnson                      |

## ***Children's Worship Volunteers***

|                 | <u><i>Teacher</i></u> | <u><i>Helper</i></u>     |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Randa Gravanti</i> | <i>Rachel Strickland</i> |
| <i>Mar. 12:</i> | <i>Randa Gravanti</i> | <i>Ashley Johnson</i>    |

## ***Coffee Volunteers***

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Andrea Cawley</i>   |
| <i>Mar. 12:</i> | <i>Glenda Williams</i> |

## ***Nursery Volunteers***

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Liz Hickerson</i>    |
| <i>Mar. 12:</i> | <i>Shannon Pothoven</i> |
| <i>Mar. 19:</i> | <i>Therese McKenzie</i> |

## ***Fellowship Snacks***

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| <u><i>Next Week - Mar. 12:</i></u><br><i>Stephanie Williams</i><br><i>Beverly Thomson</i><br><i>Pam Bergen</i><br><i>Sheila Colbert</i> | <u><i>Mar. 19:</i></u><br><i>Holly Edwards</i><br><i>Diane Keen</i><br><i>Donna Waugh</i><br><i>Tami Pothoven</i> |
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