

Welcome!

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Our website 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.

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

September 24, 2017 - 9:30 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Silent Reflection

WSC # 85:

What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

Answer: To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Prelude

*Adagio from Sonata 1
Felix Mendelssohn*

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord

Welcome & Announcements

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

Psalm 84:1-2, 4

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

****Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King
Hymn #115

****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

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:1-6

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

The Confession of Our Sins

"Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

**Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

Hymn #691

The Second Scripture Lesson

9 We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:9-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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

God Thou Art Love

Craig Courtney

(The text of this anthem is set to a poem by Robert Browning and speaks of God's love for his own.)

If I forget, yet God remembers. If these hands of mine cease from their clinging, yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall. And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me, then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know that I am in God's keeping, shielded so, from all that else would harm, and in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by His power.

I tread no path in life to Him unknown; I lift no burden, bear no pain alone; my soul a calm, sure hiding place has found: The everlasting Arms my life surround, my life surround.

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that. I know Thee who has kept my path. And made light for me in the darkness, tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.

It were too strange that I should doubt Thy love.

The Third Scripture Lesson

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-20

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

**The Offertory Hymn

How Precious Is the Book Divine
Hymn # 143

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Adagio

C.P. Telemann/Burton

****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 - 2nd Grades may be dismissed to Children's Church in Room 8

The Message

Rev. Daniel Dalton

Associate Pastor

****Hymn**

Wonderful Words of Life

Hymn # 697

****Benediction**

Postlude

Yorkminster Processional

Gordon Young

***All who are able, please stand*

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Announcements

Women's Bible Study Opportunities

1) Ladies' Morning Bible Study

This women's group will meet every Tuesday (with the exception of some holidays) from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Central Presbyterian Church through May 2018. The group will be studying the book of Isaiah, using a study guide written by Kathleen Buswell Nielsen. Please contact Kelly Fernandez if you're interesting in joining and would like to order a study guide or have any questions. You may call or text her at [\(813\)420-8662](tel:8134208662) or email fernandezkj@gmail.com.

2) Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Come join our Thursday evening women's Bible study this fall as we study Philippians together. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. We meet at the home of Donna Waugh, 1020 Wisper Run Court, Lutz, FL 33558. If you would like to participate, please contact Donna at 909-0220 so that a study guide can be ordered for you.

Save the Date!

A High School Mini Leadership Retreat will be held November 17 and 18. More information will be forthcoming.

This Week at Christ Central
September 24 – September 30

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am
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- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Adult Bible Study (Room 12), 10:00 am

September 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 nd Grade	OPEN	3/5
Ages 8-10 /3 rd - 5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	Rio Center
Adult - Galatians	Brian Waugh	13
Adult - Martin Luther: 500 Years	Bryan Toenes	14
Adult - Exploring Ezekiel	Ben Lambers	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 143

Last Sunday's Offering: TBD

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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Darby White Brian Armstrong	Dave Bardin Andy Thomson
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Brian Waugh	Steve White
<u><i>Communion 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>Jane Lambers</i>	<i>Ashley Johnson</i>
<i>Sept. 24:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>
<i>Oct. 1:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>Lesley McKenzie</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Glenda Williams</i>
<i>Sept. 24:</i>	<i>Ginny Bremer</i>
<i>Oct. 1:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>
<i>Sept. 24:</i>	<i>Liz Hickerson</i>
<i>Oct. 1:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Oct. 1: <i>Stephanie Williams</i> <i>Diane Keen</i> <i>Donna Waugh</i> <i>Tami Pothoven</i>	Oct. 8: <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Marsha Craig</i> <i>Jamie Dalton</i> <i>Judy Wildeboer</i>
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Two Ways to Live

Psalm 1

Psalm 1:1-6 “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

Main Point: Jesus fulfilled the righteous life for us; only in him will we truly be happy.

1. The righteous _____ God’s Word and _____ themselves with it. (vv. 1-3)
2. The wicked _____ and despise God’s Word. (vv.4-5)
3. The righteous will have _____, whereas the wicked will perish. (v. 6)