

# *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 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*

*December 31, 2017 - 9:30 AM*

*First Sunday after Christmas*

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

## **Prelude**

*Noel*

*Claude Balbastre*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

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

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

Leader: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

**People:** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Leader: The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**All:** So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

### **\*Hymn**

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Hymn #218

### **\*\*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**

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Psalms 133

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

- Episcopal, Book of Common Prayer

## Assurance of Pardon

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6

## The Second Scripture Lesson

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-8

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## The Anthem

*Proclamation of Praise*  
*Lloyd Larson*

Praise to You, our God and King, forevermore the same, Your greatness knows no end! Praise to You, our worship we bring. You reign in majesty, Redeemer, faithful Friend. Creator of the earth and heavens, You are exalted over all. We honor You for Your gifts of love, for all things great and small!

Praise to You, our God and King, forevermore the same, Your greatness knows no end! Praise to You, our worship we bring. You reign in majesty, Redeemer, faithful Friend.

From You, O God, come strength and pow'r. With hearts of thanks we do adore. We praise Your holy name, Your love and grace proclaim! You're eternally the same, O God!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Praise to You, our God and King, forevermore the same, Your greatness we proclaim on high! Amen.

# The Installation of Church Officers

*Elder: Randy Johnson*

*Deacon: Olanzo James, Darby White, Stephen White*

Explanation of church office

Vows of ordination and installation

Prayer and laying on of hands

Right hand of fellowship

Pronouncement

# The Third Scripture Lesson

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymn #353

## \*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

## The Offertory

*We Three Kings*

*Arr. 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.*

## The Message

*Rev. Daniel Dalton*

*Associate Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds  
Hymn #647

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Joy to the World*  
*Frank Ritter/Lani Smith*

# ***Announcements***

## **Program Note Reminder**

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School today due to the New Year's holiday. However, please join us for Coffee and Conversation immediately after the worship service.

## **End of Year Contributions**

This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for 2017-tax year, they must be put into the offering plate by TODAY. Also, if you are looking for alternative ways in giving, [pcafoundation.org](http://pcafoundation.org) is a resource that may interest you. For more information, please contact Sara Royer.

## **Unhanging of the Green**

Please join us this Saturday, **January 6 at 10:00 am** as we'll need a bit of help taking down the Advent decorations! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Johnson at [church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org).

## **ESL Training Weekend**

Mark your calendars for the ESL Training Weekend that will be held Friday, January 19 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday, January 20 from 8:45 am - 4:30 pm.

### Training Cost:

\$25 for CCPC Members and Regular Attendees

\$35 for Non CCPC Guests

Please RSVP if you are interested in attending, or if you know anyone interested in starting an ESL ministry at their church please have them RSVP to Lisa Johnson at [church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org) as they are welcome to join our training.

## **Consider Joining the CE Committee!**

The Christian Education Committee guides the educational ministry of the church with the goal of promoting spiritual growth, typically within a classroom environment. This encompasses all ages with Christ Central, from nursery/toddlers, children, youth, and adult, as well as specialized ministries like women's, men's and community groups.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more please mark "CE Committee" on your Connection Card. Note: All new members to the CE committee must be members of Christ Central and approved by the session.

## A Note from Pastor Keen

*Dear Church Family,*

*The Session has graciously offered me a sabbatical during the first quarter of 2018. Subsequent to some vacation time, I will be on sabbatical **January 15 - April 15** and return to the office and my normal duties on **Tuesday, April 16**. A sabbatical is a time for rest, personal prayer, study, reflection and assessment, so please pray for me while I'm away. I will not be available during the sabbatical period, but Pastor Danny Dalton and the Session will be available for all pastoral duties and related matters. Diane and I thank God for this much needed time away, and it would not be possible without a loving and supportive church, as well as an able and capable church staff, session and diaconate! Please feel free to ask me, Pastor Dalton, or any active member of the Session if you have any questions.*

*— With all my heart, Pastor John Keen*

*This Week at Christ Central*  
*December 31 – January 6*

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

*December 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	Jane Lambers & Diane Keen	3/5
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	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - After Darkness, Light	Bryan Toenes & Randy Johnson	13
Adult - Ezra & Nehemiah	Gregg Quick	14
Adult - Exploring Friendship	Alex Fernandez	15

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 141

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 8,177.00

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

## *Children's Worship Volunteers*

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Today:	Jane Lambers	Lesley McKenzie
Jan. 7:	Deana Johnson	Ashley Johnson
Jan. 14:	Lisa Johnson	Patrick Chang

## *Coffee Volunteers*

Today:	Larry Dickey
Jan. 7:	Steve Strickland
Jan. 14:	Jackie Toenes

## *Nursery Volunteers*

Today:	Hannah Johnson
Jan. 7:	Marilyn Horst
Jan. 14:	Laura Strickland

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<b>Next Week Jan. 7:</b> Lisa Johnson Andy Thomson Diane Keen Carol Moberg	<b>Jan. 14:</b> Holly Edwards Tami Pothoven Jackie Toenes Donna Waugh
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# *The Joy of God's People*

Philippians 1:3-8

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**Main Point:** God's people experience joy as they share in God's grace together.

1. God's people experience joy as they \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.

2. God's people experience joy through their \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel.

3. God's people experience joy from the assurance that God always \_\_\_\_\_ what He begins.