

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 2, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

William Fischer

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord*

Welcome & Announcements

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

Psalms 134

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

People: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

All: May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn #457

****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

²⁹ "And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. ³⁰ For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins. ³¹ It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall humble yourselves; it is a statute forever. ³² And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. ³³ He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. ³⁴ And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins." And Aaron did as the Lord commanded Moses.

Lev. 16:29-34 ESV

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God forevermore, Amen.”

Paul E. Engle, *Baker’s Worship Handbook*,
Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998

The Assurance of Pardon

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

The Choral Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
George Whelpton

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ESV

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

The 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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Joan J. Pinkston

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth,
through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as
Thou art; And make me to love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love; One holy passion
filling all my frame; The baptism of the heav'n descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame. Amen.

The Third Scripture Lesson

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Mark 2:1-12 ESV

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
Hymn #87

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

A Renaissance Blessing
John Dowland

****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 Worship in Rm. 8

The Message

Mark 2:1-12

Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor

****Hymn**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Hymn #247
(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**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Hymn #247
(v. 3)

****Benediction**

Postlude

Solenne

G. F. Handel

***All who are able, please stand*

†Unless specified, all Scriptures texts are from the NIV-1984

Announcements

Choir Rehearsal

Our Choir is starting for the 2018-19 season. If you like to sing praises to our Lord and can meet for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings (7:30-8:45 PM) we would invite you to join us. We do not audition singers. However, for those who have not sung in choral groups before, we do listen to you sing to determine which vocal part lies best within your singing voice. "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." Psalm 98:1

ESL Childcare Ministry

Last year's ESL ministry to our neighbors was a great success! Did you know that many of the adults attending this ministry bring their children (ages 2-12) to our church? We are equipped to offer childcare for the younger children (ages 2-6). However, we want to increase our ability to minister to the older children, between the ages of 7-12, who are usually very proficient in English.

This is a great opportunity for us to engage our community in the same way we would for VBS or a Backyard Bible Club! We are looking for another volunteer to help facilitate a Backyard Bible Club-like program for the 10 weeks of our Fall ESL ministry. Your role will be to assist with a turn-key program. Students in middle and high school would be great helpers too! (High school students...what a great opportunity to gain service hours for those college applications!)

Please email [Jamie Dalton \(realdaltongang@gmail.com\)](mailto:realdaltongang@gmail.com) by September 14 if you are willing to serve our neighbors!

ESL Training

September 15th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

This will be a re-train refresher for those who participated in our ESL ministry earlier this year. It will also be a great introduction and orientation for new volunteers! **There may be a small cost for materials. **Please RSVP by marking your Connection Card or emailing the church office at church@christcentralpca.org.***

Church Work Day

The deacons have planned a church work day for Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 am - noon. The work will mostly be yard work - clearing of low lying tree limbs and picking up debris and some painting.

This Week at Christ Central

September 2 – September 8

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am
MS/HS Large Group Meeting, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY:

Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 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 4-5 / K4/K5	Therese McKenzie	3
Ages 6-8 / 1 st - 2 nd Grades	Tami Lang	5
Ages 9-11 / 3 rd - 5 th Grades	Kelly Fernandez	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven & Daniel Lang	Rio Center
Adult - A King After God's Own Heart	Bryan Toenes	13
Adult - Exploring How to Grow as a Disciple	Luis Salgado	15
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Apostles' Creed	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12
Exploring Church Membership	Randy Johnson	14

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 104

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,515.40

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	Andy Thomson Scott Hickerson
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Brian Waugh	Stephen 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>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>Lesley McKenzie</i>
<i>Sept. 9:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>
<i>Sept. 16:</i>	<i>Deana Johnson</i>	<i>Ashley Johnson</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Sept. 9:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Sept. 16:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>
<i>Sept. 9:</i>	<i>Jamie Dalton</i>
<i>Sept. 16:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week September 9:	Sept. 16:
<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>
<i>Ginny Bremer</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>
<i>Jamie Dalton</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>
<i>Judy Wildeboer</i>	<i>Joan Hacquebord</i>