

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 5. 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

November 18, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

*Thanksgiving Suite No. 3
Charles Callahan*

*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)*

Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

All: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

***Hymn**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hymn #715

****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

²² "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

(Continued...)

³⁰ I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. ³² It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:22-32 ESV

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

The Confession of Our Sins

"O Lord, full of mercy and grace, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone: give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love, to adore you Lord, a heart to delight in you, to follow, to rejoice in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen"

-St. Ambrose

The Assurance of Pardon

This I call to mind and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23

The Choral Response

Dresden Amen

The Second Scripture Lesson

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10 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

To Love Our God

Mark Hayes

(Adapted from Ecclesiastes 1 & 12, John 3:8)

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go? Blowing north then south, how does it know? O where does the wind come from? O Where does it go? Blowing north then south, how does it know? The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full. How can these things be? How can these things be? How can they be?

Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained. We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty, all is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live; to love our God, the highest call. Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole for this purpose we were made to love our God.

To love our God, the reason we live; to love our God, the highest call. Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole. For this purpose we were made to love our God, to love our God, to love our God!

The Third Scripture Lesson

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****The Offertory Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn #98

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Simple Gifts
Shaker Tune

****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. 5

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor

****Hymn**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Hymn #165

****Benediction**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
J. S. Bach/E. Power Biggs

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Thanksgiving Vespers Service

Please join **TONIGHT** at **6:00 pm** for our annual Thanksgiving Vespers Service. We will enjoy singing hymns, a brief message and a time of sharing together. Everyone is welcome!

Hanging of the Green

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent season on **Sunday, November 25 from 11 am - 1 pm**, immediately after an extended fellowship time. *Note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday all Sunday school classes will be cancelled that day.*

Covered Dish Luncheon

Please mark your calendars for our next covered dish luncheon **Sunday, December 2** immediately following Sunday school. If you plan to attend, we ask that you bring a main dish and a side dish to share. CCPC will provide the paper goods and beverages. We look forward to this time of fellowship with our church family!

Cookies and Carols

Do you have a favorite Christmas carol? Are there some cookies that you bake each year and would be willing to share with your church family? Well, we have just the venue for you this season. On **Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 PM** we will be singing our favorite carols chosen by all of you. This will be followed with a fellowship time featuring delicious, homemade cookies. Don't miss this opportunity to invite family and *especially your neighbors* to this informal gathering where we will be singing the beautiful music of Christmas and have a time of fellowship to follow. **Please RSVP by December 9** on your Connection Card if you plan to attend and if you are able to provide cookies for this event.

Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9th

5:00 pm - 8:45 pm

**Please bring wrapped gift (\$5 or less)*

- Sign up by December 2 (in Calvin's Crib or mark Connection Card)
- Meet at the Daltons' home. Get picked up at Williams' home.
- Required: Notarized Medical/Release Form

This Week at Christ Central

November 18 – November 24

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am
Thanksgiving Vespers Service, 6:00 pm
- TUESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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 / 9th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven & Daniel Lang	Rio Center
Adult - A King After God's Own Heart	Bryan Toenes	13
Adult - Exploring Knowing Scripture	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: 118

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 10,522.12

November 4, 2018 Offering: \$ 8,068.05

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>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Waugh Family	Bryan Toenes
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Bill Cutler	Servy Fernandez
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Randa Gravanti	Ken Jackson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Liz Hickerson</i>	<i>Johnny Hickerson</i>
<i>Nov. 25:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Bryson Pothoven</i>
<i>Dec. 2:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>Kathryn White</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Nov. 25:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Dec. 2:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>
<i>Nov. 25:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>
<i>Dec. 2:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Nov. 25:	Dec. 2:
<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Diane Keen</i>
<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Page Hawes</i>
<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Judy Smith</i>
<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>	<i>Jackie Toenes</i>