

# *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 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*

*January 6, 2019 - 9:30 AM*

*Epiphany*

## **Silent Reflection**

In the liturgical calendar, today we recognize Epiphany. It occurs on the twelfth day of Christmas and concludes the Christmas season. (After today, all those Christmas decorations should be taken down, just like we are doing today!) Epiphany acknowledges the appearance of the divine Son of God on earth and the radical increase of the enfolding of Gentiles (non-Jews) into the church. On this day we remember the coming of the wise men from the east, who were the first Gentiles to publicly recognize the divinity of Jesus by worshiping this newborn King and presenting him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## **Heidelberg Catechism # 81 Who should come to the Lord's Table?**

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

## **Prelude**

*In Dulci Jubilo*

*J. S. Bach*

*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 67*

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

**People: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

**People: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

**All: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

## **\*\*Hymn**

As with Gladness Men of Old  
Hymn #226

## **\*\*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**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult,<sup>[a]</sup> because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.

Isaiah 60:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

O God of all goodness, what shall we render to thee for the gift of gifts, thine own dear Son, our redeemer, proxy, surety, and substitute? Herein is love: he came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like him. Herein is wisdom: when I was undone, with no will to return to him, he came, God-incarnate, to save me from my sin, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out perfect righteousness for me. O God, let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore and serve, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN

*-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.16*

## The Assurance of Pardon

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22

## Choral Response

*Threefold Amen*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Ephesians 3:1-12

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# The Installation of Church Officers

*Elder: Blake Williams*

*Deacon: Bill Bergen and Luis Salgado*

Explanation of church office  
Vows of ordination and installation  
Prayer and laying on of hands  
Pronouncement  
Right hand of fellowship  
Charge

## The Third Scripture Lesson

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Hymn #193

## **\*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

### **The Offertory**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
*Molly Ijames*

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awak'ning cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised!" Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised; the pow'rs of darkness fear when this sweet song they hear, "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised, be praised! Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised, be praised!

## **\*\*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 Worship in Rm. 5*

## **The Message**

*Rev. Daniel Dalton*  
*Associate 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 most ring of the tray; Grape juice in the inner rings.  
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

## **\*\*Hymn**

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

## **\*\*Benediction**

*Toccata on St. Ann  
Gordon Young*

*\*\*All who are able, please stand*

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

## *Announcements*

### Unhanging of the Green

Please join us **TODAY at noon**, immediately following Sunday School as we'll need a bit of help taking down the Advent decorations!

### Middle School/High School Large Group Meeting

Resumes meeting **on Sunday, January 13** from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. This entry-level program is designed to show students "who" the only one worthy of worship is: Jesus Christ. This is a meeting with a positive environment, an element of fun, strong student involvement, and an understandable, gospel-centered message that challenges students to take the next step in their faith.

### International Dinner

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** for our annual International Dinner. You will be truly amazed to learn how many different regions of the world are represented here at Christ Central. We will have a variety of foods to sample from around the world. Please invite your family and friends! **RSVP to Lisa Johnson by January 13<sup>th</sup>** ([church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org) or 813-453-3221). Please sign up to bring a dish/dessert on the sign up sheets located in the lobby. If you would like to help with decorations etc., please contact Lisa.

### Thank You from our Staff!

On behalf of the pastoral, music, and administrative staff we would like to express our gratitude for the gifts that were given for us to receive a Christmas bonus. Thank you to each of you who helped contribute towards this gift. It is greatly appreciated. It is truly a joy to serve this congregation. You make it very easy to repeat the words of Paul: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil 1:3-5). May God richly bless each of you as we eagerly worship Jesus together.

*This Week at Christ Central*

*January 6 – January 12*

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am  
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
- TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am (Room 15)
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

*January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

## Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

		Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-5 / K4/K5	Tami Lang	3
Ages 6-8 / 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	Raquel Fernandez	5
Ages 9-11 / 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Gail Chang	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
Adult - Apologetics: Taking Every Thought Captive	Luis Salgado	13
Adult - Exploring The Parables	Randy Johnson	15
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Apostles' Creed	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

### CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 146  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 32,051.85

*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>January</u>	<u>February</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Fernandez Family	Williams Family
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Alex Fernandez	Steve Strickland
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Donna Waugh	Ken Jackson

## *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>Jan. 13:</i>	<i>Maureen Thomson</i>	<i>Julia White</i>
<i>Jan. 20:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>

## *Coffee Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>
<i>Jan. 13:</i>	<i>Loretta Jackson</i>
<i>Jan. 20:</i>	<i>Jackie Toenes</i>

## *Nursery Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Tami Lang</i>
<i>Jan. 6:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>
<i>Jan. 20:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<b>Next Week Jan. 13:</b>	<b>Jan. 20:</b>
<i>Diane Keen</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>
<i>Page Hawes</i>	<i>Ginny Bremer</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Jamie Dalton</i>
<i>Stephanie Williams</i>	<i>Judy Wildeboer</i>

## *The Mystery of God* *Ephesians 3:1-12*

**Ephesians 3:1-12** “For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles-- 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.”

**Main Point: In Christ, the mystery of God is fully revealed, displaying His wisdom and eternal purpose.**

1. The mystery is that, in Christ, there is \_\_\_\_\_ people of God. (vv. 1-6)
2. Through this mystery, the \_\_\_\_\_ displays the manifold wisdom of God. (vv.7-10)
3. Because of this revealed mystery, in Christ, believers have unrestricted \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father. (vv. 11-12)