

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.
- We have a fellowship time of coffee and conversation in the lobby immediately before 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

September 22, 2019 – 11:00 AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Near to the Heart of God
Arr. Brant Adams

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

Welcome & Announcements

Please fill out the Connection Card found in the chair pocket in front of you.

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

Psalms 95:1-3; 6-7a

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout
aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol
him with music and song.

Leader: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above
all gods.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before
the LORD our Maker;

All: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,

****Hymn**

We Gather Together
Hymn #363

****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

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

(Continued...)

¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?” ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” ²⁰ She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?” ²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 1 ESV

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men. AMEN

-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

Assurance of Pardon

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ²You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

Psalm 85:1-2

The Choral Response

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19 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

We Sing the Mighty Power of God.

Arr. Dale Grotenhuis

We sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes; if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne; while all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, and ev'rywhere that we can be, You, God, are present there, and ev'rywhere that we can be, You, God, are present there. You, God, are present there.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" ¹⁴Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

Luke 11:11-17 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**The Offertory Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn #629

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

*O Worship the King
Arr. Dan Forrest*

****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**

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Hymn #605

****Benediction**

Postlude

*Prelude in F Major
J. S. Bach*

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Women's Evening Bible Study

The ladies are considering beginning an evening bible study to be led by Diane Keen and held every other Thursday evening. This study will cover the same material used in the morning study, "Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love" by Edward T. Welch. If you are interested in an evening study, contact Diane Keen (813) 758-7177 or diane329@gmail.com.

Pastor's Mid-week Bible Study

Pastor Keen will lead a midweek bible study on Wednesdays. The study will focus on various books of the bible and include a time for question and answer, discussion, etc. With the exception of holidays, the study will be held in the church lobby every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm through May 2020. This study is for anyone *i.e. men, women, retirees, etc*, with a desire to become better acquainted with the Scriptures and the freedom to participate at the designated hour. Please call or correspond with Pastor Keen directly if you have any questions (jkeen@christcentralpca.org / 813-449-0376).

Mercy Ministry

One of the primary areas the Deacons are involved in is Mercy Ministry, helping those with unexpected and difficult needs. While the focus of this ministry is for our own members, we do help a number of non-members or walk-ins throughout the year. As we monitor our finances for this fund, the Diaconate has decided to re-institute our 5th Sunday Mercy Offering for the remainder of this year and all of 2020. Each month with a 5th Sunday will be designated for a special offering for the Mercy Fund. This offering is not intended to be your tithe, but any additional funds you desire to donate. There is no pressing need at the moment; however, our fund is near a threshold, which may make helping individuals in the future more difficult. So on September 29th and December 29th, please consider how you believe the Holy Spirit is directing you in this manner. The Deacons have helped almost 20 individuals this year so far by using the surplus we've enjoyed these past two years, and we believe it is now time to ask you to help in a more direct manner.

Church Library

We are looking to add a bookshelf in the church library. If you have anything that you would consider donating to the church, please submit one or two photos of the furniture to Bryan Toenes and Loretta Salgado so that we can make sure your donation will fit within our space constraints. If we can use it, we will make arrangements with you to have it delivered to the church.

Encore Presentation of Centennial Video

There will be an encore presentation of the centennial video at **5:30 pm** on **Sunday, October 6** in the Fellowship Hall. Children and youth activities will continue as normal, but the video presentation will be in lieu of the normal adult study for that evening.

This Week at Christ Central
September 22 – September 28

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
HS/MS Large Group Meeting, (Rio Center),
5:30 pm
Kid Builders, Room 10, 5:30 pm
Adult Bible Study, Lobby, 5:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, Room 9, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** ESL Ministry, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group (Room 16), 10:00 am

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-6/ K4 - 1 st Grade	Tami Lang & Raquel Fernandez	5
Ages 7-10 / 2 nd - 5 th Grades	Kelly Fernandez & Donna Waugh	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Randy Johnson	Rio Center
Adult - Church History The First 1,500 Years	Bryan Toenes	Fellowship Hall
Adult - Exploring Genesis	Brian Waugh	15
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Learning How to Pray	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 112

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,214.20

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>Greeters:</u>	Darby White Brian Armstrong	Steve White Scott Hickerson
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Darby White	Steve White
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randa Gravanti

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Today:	Lisa Johnson	Kaela Dalton
Sept. 29:	Maureen Thomson	Julia White
Oct. 6:	Liz Hickerson	Johnny Hickerson

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Glenda Williams
Sept. 29:	Ginny Bremer
Oct. 6:	Carol Moberg

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Stephanie Williams
Sept. 29:	Shannon Pothoven
Oct. 6:	Diane Keen

Kid Builders Volunteers

Today:	Loretta Salgado
Sept. 29:	Jane Lambers
Oct. 6:	Jamie Dalton

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Sept. 29: Tami Pothoven Holly Edwards Donna Waugh Eva White	Oct. 6: Kelly Fernandez Gail Chang Cathy Armstrong Raquel Fernandez
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