

# *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.
- 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.
- Please join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby before 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*

*August 23, 2020 - 11:00 AM*

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Prelude**

*He Hideth My Soul*

*arr. Hayes*

*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 29:1-2; 7-9*

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**Leader:** The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

**People:** The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

**All:** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

### **\*Hymn**

To God Be The Glory

Hymn #55

### **\*\*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**

King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. <sup>2</sup>Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup>They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. <sup>5</sup>Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup>Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. <sup>7</sup>The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>8</sup>Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation.

*(Continued...)*

<sup>9</sup>Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed. <sup>10</sup>The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, “O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. <sup>11</sup>There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, <sup>12</sup>because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Beltshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.”

Daniel 5:1-12 ESV

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

“ Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

-Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

## Assurance of Pardon

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake.

1 John 2:12

## The Presentation of New Members

*Nancy Burks and Rebecca Yu*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>13</sup> Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. <sup>14</sup> I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup> Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter. <sup>16</sup> But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>18</sup> O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. <sup>19</sup> And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. <sup>20</sup> But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. <sup>21</sup> He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. <sup>22</sup> And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup> but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

Daniel 5:13-23 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 Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>24</sup> “Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup> And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. <sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” <sup>29</sup> Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>30</sup> That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. <sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Daniel 5:24-31 ESV

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

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord  
Hymn #465

## \*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

*At the conclusion of the service, tithes and offerings can be placed in trays held by ushers as you exit from the sanctuary.*

## \*\*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. John K. Keen  
Senior Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Be Still, My Soul  
Hymn #689

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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

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

# *Announcements*

## Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members, mother and daughter, Nancy Burks and Becky Yu to Christ Central!

**Nancy Burks** was born and raised in Tampa into a loving Christian home. She was raised by her mother who was one of the first female medical doctors in Tampa. She had one older sister. Nancy married Bob Burks, who was a godly Christian man and deacon in the PCA. They were married for 22 years until the Lord brought Bob home to himself. They had 2 children together, Becky who currently lives in Tampa and Robert, who lives in Nashville. After her profession of faith as a child, she has served her church in several capacities, including 2 mission trips to Berlin, Germany. Nancy loves Bible Study, tending to her potted plants, and traveling, with the highlight being a trip to Israel in the mid 1990's. Her daughter, Becky was the one who brought Nancy to Christ Central. She loves the PCA and is grateful for the solid Bible-based preaching and teaching.

**Rebecca (Becky) Yu** (daughter of Nancy Burks) was born and raised in Tampa. She graduated from Covenant College in 1994 and spent 6 1/2 years working in China as an English Teacher (ESL). With this background, she is looking forward to assisting in Christ Central's ESL ministry. Becky was diagnosed with mitochondrial disease in 2013. She is blessed to be able to volunteer with UMDF (United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation). She came to discover Christ Central through the kindness of her neighbors, Chris and Cindy Kladakis. God graciously provided her a rescue dog named Gemma.

## Worship Information and Covid-19 Adjustments

We are pleased to begin reopening our church in order to worship God as his gathered people! However, in order to accommodate our phase 1 and phase 2 reopening guidelines, please be aware of the following:

- As an act of loving our neighbor, all worshipers are to wear a face mask. We have a limited supply of masks available. If you do not have one, simply ask one of our ushers.
- We ask that there be a minimum of three empty seats between each household.
- Please be aware, when sanctuary seating is at capacity, latecomers will be seated in the church lobby, which will have a TV displaying the service.

*This Week at Christ Central*

*August 23 – August 29*

**SUNDAY:**

Adult Study of Hebrews, via Zoom, 9am

Middle School Sunday school, via Zoom, 9am

Morning Worship, 11:00am

High School Sunday school via Zoom, 5:30 pm

**CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 89

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 8,739.85

*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*

# *August Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*