

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 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

October 17, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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By Ashford

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 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

People: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy.

People: The King is mighty, he loves justice -- you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

All: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

***Hymn**

God of Our Fathers

Hymn #710

****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

Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. ³He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. ⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

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⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? ⁹ His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. ¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53 NASB

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

I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23 NASB

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

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. ²² Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

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²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

Matthew 16:21-27 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****The Offertory Hymn**

Like a River Glorious

Hymn #699

****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**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Hymn #708

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Thank you!

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and cards due to the death of Bill's Dad, Orville Bergen.

In Christ,
Pam & Bill Bergen

Covid-19 Update (as of October 13, 2020)

The state of Florida is currently in a partial phase III reopening in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. On September 29th the Session sent out a congregational-wide email to communicate at the next stated meeting we would be reevaluating our current Covid-19 mitigation requirements. On October 13, 2020 our Session met. Among other ministry matters, we discussed our strategies to mitigate the spreading of Covid-19 at our church gatherings. After studying the matter and prayerful deliberation, we came to the conclusion that no further changes would be made at this time. In other words, the face mask requirement and adherence to social distancing remain in effect until further notice. The Session will continue to regularly reevaluate our safety requirements. Until changes are made, please adhere to the following requirements:

- 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.

Help Needed: The Ministry of Greeters and Ushers

Are you hospitable? When you warmly welcome visitors, members and regular attendees to worship you are practicing hospitality. Therefore, the ministry extended through Greeters and Ushers is a small part of God's command to "practice hospitality" (Rom. 12:13). We are looking for additional volunteers to help with these important roles. Greeters ideally should include adults, teenagers, families, singles, and couples. All volunteers will be trained and typically assigned one month at a time to serve Christ's church in this capacity. Please mark you connection card with Greeter/Usher or email the church office (church@christcentralpca.org if you are interested in learning more.

Reformation Worship Service

The Tampa area PCA churches will be gathering together to hold a Reformation Worship Service on Sunday evening, October 25 at 6:00 pm. The service will be at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Riverview, FL (12404 Boyette Rd, Riverview, FL 33569).

- Rev. Stephen Clark will be the speaker.
- The offering collected will go toward our presbytery's campus ministry (RUF) at USF.
- Childcare will be available for nursery and preschool children.
- Refreshments will be provided afterward.
- Following the Worship Service, there will be a dodgeball tournament for the youth, organized by Redeemer PCA *Note: The preregistration of teams of 5 is required by October 18. Contact Danny if you would like to register a team.*

High School Costa Rica Mission Experience 2021

Save the date: **July 11-17, 2021**

We have been invited to bring a High School Mission Team to Costa Rica as learners and servants, to assist our missionaries as they work alongside the Costa Rican church to make God known by establishing a presbytery Costa Rica. Due to the global pandemic, adjustments will be made to safeguard the health and safety of our team, our missionaries, and the Costa Ricans with whom we will interact. We will begin forming our team in the upcoming weeks. For now, if you are (or will be) a high school student next year, and are interested in participating, then save the date!

Sunday School Classes

If you would like to participate in any of the Sunday school classes offered via Zoom, you can contact the respective teachers:

- Adults: The Early Church (Acts 1-12) - 9:00 am - Bryan Toenes
- Middle School - 9:00 am - Danny Dalton
- High School - 5:30 pm - Brian Waugh

Children's lessons for Toddlers, Preschool, Lower Elementary (grades K4-2), and Upper Elementary (grades 3-5) are located on the Welcome Desk.

This Week at Christ Central

October 11 – October 16

SUNDAY: Adult Study: The Early Church (Acts 1-12), via Zoom, 9am
Middle School Sunday school, via Zoom, 9am
Morning Worship, 11:00am
High School Sunday school via Zoom, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY: Ladies' Bible Study, via Zoom, 10:00 am

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 91

Last Sunday's Offering: \$22,375.95

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays