

# 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.
- 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.

# *Order for the Divine Service of Worship*

*January 24, 2021 - 11:00 AM*

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

## **Silent Reflection**

“Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.”

— *Book of Common Prayer, p. 247*

## **Prelude**

*Largo*

*By Vivaldi*

*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**

*Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory.

## **\*\*Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King  
Hymn #101

## **\*\*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**

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.<sup>2</sup> And on the third day, behold, a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. And when he came to David, he fell to the ground and paid homage.<sup>3</sup> David said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel."<sup>4</sup> And David said to him, "How did it go? Tell me." And he answered, "The people fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead, and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead."<sup>5</sup> Then David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

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<sup>6</sup> And the young man who told him said, “By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him. <sup>7</sup> And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>8</sup> And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’ <sup>9</sup> And he said to me, ‘Stand beside me and kill me, for anguish has seized me, and yet my life still lingers.’ <sup>10</sup> So I stood beside him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the armlet that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord.” <sup>11</sup> Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. <sup>12</sup> And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. <sup>13</sup> And David said to the young man who told him, “Where do you come from?” And he answered, “I am the son of a sojourner, an Amalekite.” <sup>14</sup> David said to him, “How is it you were not afraid to put out your hand to destroy the LORD’s anointed?” <sup>15</sup> Then David called one of the young men and said, “Go, execute him.” And he struck him down so that he died. <sup>16</sup> And David said to him, “Your blood be on your head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the LORD’s anointed.’”

2 Samuel 1:1-16 ESV

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before Thee; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of Thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; help us, we ask Thee; to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, p. 12

## Assurance of Pardon

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” <sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. <sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 5:24-32 ESV

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## 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

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.<sup>2</sup> And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.<sup>3</sup> Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,<sup>4</sup> saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”<sup>5</sup> And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.<sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”<sup>7</sup> So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers.<sup>8</sup> Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.<sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel,<sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”<sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”<sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.<sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.<sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”<sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.<sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>23</sup> And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

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<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. <sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

John 1:43-51 ESV

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People:        **Thanks be to God**

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

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing  
Hymn #5

## **\*\*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’ly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **The Message**

*“He Who Suffered Under Pontius Pilate”*

Rev. Andrew Newman  
Guest Pastor

**\*\*Hymn**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus  
Hymn #481

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

*<sup>t</sup>Unless specified, all Scripture texts are from the NIV-1984*

## *Announcements*

### Welcome to our Guest Minister, Rev. Andrew Newman

Andrew Newman is the campus minister with RUF, which is the PCA's denominational campus ministry. Andrew and his wife, Meghan, grew up, went to college, and met in the Carolinas. It was during their times in college when they met the Lord. Andrew and Meghan have now lived in the Tampa area for over 4 years. They have three children - Knox, Maryn, and Maeve. When Andrew isn't playing with his kids or spending time with his wife, he likes to read, follow sports and do yard work. Meghan enjoys reading as well, cooking, and watching British TV shows.

### Sunday Evening Ministry

Beginning TONIGHT

5:30-7:00PM

*Note: Current Covid policies will remain in effect.*

- Kid Builders (1-5 grade) Room 10
- Youth Large Group Meeting (Middle School & High School)  
Calvin's Crib (RIO Center)
- Adult Fellowship and Prayer Gathering Church Lobby

### Exploring Church Membership Class

We will be offering an Exploring Church Membership Class beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school hour. The class will meet every Sunday, except Easter and conclude May 9. Please mark your Connection Card with "Membership Class" if interested or email the church office ([church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org)). Note: attending this class is required for membership at CCPC. However, taking this class does not obligate anyone towards membership. It's a great way to learn more about the gospel, our church and the specific vision we are working to accomplish.

## **Covid-19 Update (as of November 17, 2020)**

Your Session continues to study and prayerfully reevaluate our strategies to mitigate the threat of Covid-19 at our church gatherings. Until changes are made known, please adhere to the following requirements:

- While inside the building, all attendees are to wear a face mask, though teachers may be unmasked while teaching at the front of the room. We have a limited supply of masks available. If you do not have one, simply ask one of our ushers.
- We ask that all attendees adhere to social distancing while on the church campus.
- When sanctuary seating is at capacity, latecomers will be seated in the church lobby, which has a TV displaying the service.

If you are experiencing any symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive to the coronavirus, out of an abundance of caution, please refrain from attending.

## *This Week at Christ Central*

*January 24 – January 30*

### SUNDAY:

Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Morning Worship, 11:00 am  
MS/HS Large Group Meeting (Rio Center),  
5:30 pm  
Kid Builders, Room 10, 5:30 pm  
Adult Fellowship and Prayer, Lobby, 5:30 pm

## *Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children*

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-5/Toddlers - K	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 6-10 / 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Jane Lambers	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult – Outreach	Randy Johnson	Fellowship Hall
Adult – Chosen By God	Luis Salgado	15

## **CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 79

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,798.75

*DeFor 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*

## *January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*