

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.
- 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

February 28, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Silent Reflection

“O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.” — *Book of Common Prayer, p. 252*

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

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

People: praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,

Leader: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

****Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymn #53

****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

²² "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. ²³ I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord GOD, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight. ²⁴ For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:22-28 NASB

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns eternally with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore, Amen.”

Book of Common Worship, 1993, p.88

Assurance of Pardon

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

The Second Scripture Lesson

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10 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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ²this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:1-8 NASB

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Hymn #146

****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**

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Hymn #188

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Save the date for a Trip around the World!

Mark your calendars for our annual **International Dinner on Saturday, May 23 at 5:30 pm.** Come celebrate our church's diversity as we fellowship with one another and sample dishes from around the world! More information will be given as we near the event.

Covid-19 Update

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
February 28 – March 6

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
 Jeremiah Study and Prayer, Lobby, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY: Ladies' Bible Study, Via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

| Class/Grade | Class Teacher(s) | Class Room |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Ages 2-3/Toddlers | Bev Thomson | 6 |
| Ages 6-10 / 1 st - 5 th Grades | Jane Lambers | 8 |
| Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade | Danny Dalton | Rio Center |
| High School / 9 th -12 th 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: 92
 Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,932.14

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>February</u> | <u>March</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i><u>Greeters:</u></i> | Salgado Family | Waugh Family |
| <i><u>Ushers:</u></i> | Luis Salgado Steve Strickland | Brain Waugh Scott Hickerson |

Nursery Volunteers

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| <i>Today:</i> | <i>Randa Gravanti</i> |
| <i>March 7:</i> | <i>Laura Strickland</i> |
| <i>March 14:</i> | <i>Raquel Fernandez</i> |

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays