

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.

Covid-19 Protocol

- **Worship** — The Session has decided to implement a split mask option, an area of the sanctuary will be designated for worshipers who wish to remove their masks while seated during the worship service. We will maintain the rule that all worshipers should wear a mask at all times when moving about anywhere inside the building.
- **Sunday School** — All attendees should wear a face mask while participating in the Sunday school hour. 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.

Please adhere to the aforementioned requirements until the announcement of further changes. 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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

May 9, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Silent Reflection

“O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man’s understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.” — Book of Common Prayer, p. 307

Prelude

Jesus is All the World to Me
Arr. Gail Smith

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 108:1-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

People: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

****Hymn**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Hymn #77

****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

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. ⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.

Isaiah 60:1-7 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

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

The Second Scripture Lesson

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:1-14 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

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****The Offertory Hymn**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
Hymn #86

****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**

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Hymn #465

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Church Workday

We are planning a work day next Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 am to trim many of the trees on our campus and clear some brush along our fences. If you are available, we would love to see you come out for a few hours and help. Many hands make light work! Please contact Deacon Bill Bergen if you can come.

Save the date for a Trip around the World!

Mark your calendars for our annual **International Dinner on Saturday, May 22 at 5:30 pm**. Come celebrate our church's diversity as we fellowship with one another and sample dishes from around the world! You will be truly amazed to learn how many different regions of the world are represented here at Christ Central. We will have a variety of foods to sample from around the world. Please invite your family and friends!

RSVP Sign up sheets for this potluck style dinner will be located in the lobby, or you can mark your Connection card or email Lisa Johnson at church@christcentralpca.org to RSVP your presence and dish. If you would like to volunteer to help with decorations, set up or clean up, please contact Lisa.

High School Elevate Camp — June 11-16

The early registration deadline ends **TODAY**. Registration fliers are available in the Rio Center. This will be an excellent year at camp with pastor Tim Rice (Trinity PCA, Lakeland) serving as the main speaker. Join high school students from PCA churches all over Florida as we get away to Ocoee, TN for a week great teaching, fellowship, and activities, including white water rafting down the Ocoee river! Our counselors will be Steve & Tami Pothoven.

Cost

By May 9 — \$295

After May 9 — \$320

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is in need of a few more volunteers. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry to our youngest congregants? Spending time with our "littles" is indeed a blessing! If you would like to serve in this ministry, please mark your Connection Card or contact Lisa Johnson to be added to the next schedule beginning in June. ***Note: A background screening is required for all volunteers desiring to serve in the nursery or among children and youth.***

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a few new members. We meet about four times per year and advise the Session on all matters related to Christian education in the church. If you are a church member interested in serving, please contact Bryan Toenes at btoenes@christcentralpca.org.

Campus Maintenance

Attention all CCPC members: The Lord has blessed our church with a large property we can use to minister to our community. However, a large property also means a lot of work to maintain it to the glory of God. How can you assist the Diaconate in being good stewards of this campus? Can you donate your time, materials, money, or other gifts to help us? Please pray how you can be part of some of the upcoming projects we are planning:

- Tree Trimming Work Day – May 15th
- Pressure wash sidewalks
- Expand irrigation system
- Repair the chain link fence by our neighbor's house
- Finish repairing the backboards on the basketball court

If you can help with these projects in any way, please contact Deacon Bill Bergen at bbergen@christcentralpca.org or (813) 435-0338.

This Week at Christ Central

May 9 – May 15

- 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
- 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	Matthew Pearson	Rio Center
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
Adult - The Life and Teaching of Paul	Bryan Toenes	Fellowship Hall
Adult - Spiritual Disciplines	Steve Strickland	15
Exploring Church Membership	CCPC Elders	14

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 95

Last Sunday's Offering: \$17,241.14

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 / Ushers

May

June

Greeters:

Randy and Lisa Johnson

Servy and Raquel
Fernandez

Ushers:

Randy Johnson
Darby White

Servy Fernandez
Olanzo James

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Randa Gravanti
May 16: Marilyn Horst
May 23: Jamie Dalton

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays