

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

May 16, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Silent Reflection

“O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.”

— *Book of Common Prayer, page 309*

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount

Arr. By Joseph Martin

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**

O Worship the King

Hymn #2

****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 the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

(Continued...)

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations.

Ezekiel 36:22-30 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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-21 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.

Special Music

Lift Thine Eyes from "Elijah"
By Mendelssohn

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:15-18 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****The Offertory Hymn**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Hymn #646

****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**

I Know Whom I Have Believed
Hymn #705

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

At the May Session meeting, your elders decided to eliminate the facemask requirement, **effective May 22, 2021**. All are still welcome to wear facemasks, but they will no longer be required while in church buildings. We will continue to supply plenty of hand sanitizer and additional facemasks for those who desire.

Again, this new procedure goes into effect at the International Dinner. For worship, starting and subsequent to May 23, facemasks will remain optional. However, the last two rows in the sanctuary will remain mask mandatory, so that people who desire to remain masked can use those rows, to space out as they see fit. If you wish to remain mask-free, we ask that you refrain from sitting in the last two rows, which will be marked.

The Session will continue to regularly reevaluate our safety requirements and notify the congregation of any subsequent changes. If you are experiencing any symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive to the corona virus, out of an abundance of caution, please refrain from attending.

Despite these safety precautions we understand that there are still many who do not yet feel safe to gather for public worship. This is one reason why we have instituted live streaming of our worship service. Though live streaming our service is no substitute for the gathering of Christ's church for Lord's Day public worship, it does provide some connection to our church community.

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!

PLEASE RSVP TODAY!! 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.

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.***

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 of 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

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

Thank you to all who attended our workday on May 15. We are slowly but surely coming along in our efforts to spruce up our campus. Can you donate your time, materials, money, or other gifts to help us tackle this list below? Please pray how you can be part of some of the upcoming projects we are planning:

- Repaint parking lot stripes and repair curbs
- Paint lobby and interior hallways (more info to follow)
- Repair the fence by our neighbor's house
- Finish repairing the backboards on the basketball court
- Expand irrigation system

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 16 – May 22

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: 91

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,735.96

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

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Randy and Lisa Johnson	Servy and Raquel Fernandez
<u>Ushers:</u>	Randy Johnson Darby White	Servy Fernandez Olanzo James

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Marilyn Horst</i>
<i>May 23:</i>	<i>Jamie Dalton</i>
<i>May 30:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays