

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 Protocol Update

At the May Session meeting, your elders decided to eliminate the facemask requirement. 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.

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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

September 5, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Sonnet

By Granados

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)*

Psalm 63:1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: **I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

Leader: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

All: **I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

****Hymn**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God
Hymn #119

****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

O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. ³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You. ⁴ So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. ⁵ My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. ⁶ When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches, ⁷ For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me. ⁹ But those who seek my life to destroy it, will go into the depths of the earth. ¹⁰ They will be delivered over to the power of the sword; they will be a prey for foxes. ¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.

Psalm 63 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 fellowmen. AMEN

— Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 1:24

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:10-14 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

³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who was also seated at the Lord's feet, and was listening to His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do the serving by myself? Then tell her to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary; for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42 NASB

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

**The Offertory Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

(Continued...)

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King.

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

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

****Hymn**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Hymn #246

(v. 1-3)

The Words of Institution & The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Wine is served in the outer most ring of the tray; Grape juice in the inner rings.
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

- Each row will be dismissed by one of our deacons in order to come forward to receive the elements.

- Please return to your seat with the bread and cup, as we will all partake together.

****Hymn**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
Hymn #246
(v. 4-5)

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Attention High School and Middle School students

We will be continuing Sunday evening group meetings starting Sunday, September 12th at 5:30 pm. This semester we will be going through a video series by Ray Vander Laan entitled, "A Clash of Kingdoms" (part of the "That the World May Know" series). Come join your youth leaders, Chris Pilecki and Steve and Tami Pothoven for pizza and games at our kickoff party on the 12th. We are really excited about this new year, see you there!

Fall Women's Bible Studies Begin Tuesday, September 21st

Our 12-week study will use the "Knowing the Bible" workbook on Proverbs by Lydia Brownback to examine the foundation of wisdom, mark out the paths that make us wise, and point us to the ultimate source of all true understanding: Jesus Christ.

The study will be offered on Tuesdays as follows:

Morning In-Person: 9:50-11:30 a.m. at Christ Central Presbyterian Church

Evenings Virtual: 7:30-9:00 pm via Google Meet

Please call or text Kelly Fernandez at (813) 420-8662 by September 10th to order a workbook at a discount.

For those interested in the evening study, please email womensministry@christcentralpca.org to receive the meeting link.

ESL Ministry Update

After a long hiatus, we are excited to begin preparations to resume our English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry. We need volunteers to help with teaching, registration, refreshments, childcare, placement interviews, and advertisement. We will have training as needed later in the month.

Important ESL Ministry dates:

- Sept 23 - Tentative start date (meeting day is still in review) - 7:00-8:45pm

For more information, contact Brian Waugh at (813) 215-0130 or bwaugh1964@gmail.com.

This Week at Christ Central
September 5 – September 11

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Room 9

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5 Grades	Diane Keen	5
Ages 6-10 / 1 st - 5 th Grades	Tami Lang	8
Middle School /High School 6 th -12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - I & II Thessalonians	Bryan Toenes	13
Adult - Sermon on the Mount	Steve Strickland & Steve Pothoven	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 91
Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,989.40

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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Larry and Judy Smith	Bryan Toenes
<u>Ushers:</u>	Brian Waugh Larry Smith	Bryan Toenes Scott Hickerson

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Tara Pilecki and Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Sept. 12:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland, Lisa Johnson, Tami Lang</i>
<i>Sept. 19:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong and Donna Waugh</i>

Fellowship Snacks

September 12: <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i>	September 19: <i>Donna Waugh</i> <i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	September 26: <i>Joyce Yabczanka</i> <i>Glenda Williams</i>
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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays