

# 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.

## 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 19, 2021 - 11:00 AM*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Prelude**

*Jesus Loves Me*

*Arr. Varner*

*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 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**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymn #167

## **\*\*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**

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. <sup>5</sup>"Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. <sup>6</sup>For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup>They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. <sup>8</sup>Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. <sup>9</sup>They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. <sup>10</sup>At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. <sup>11</sup>Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!"

Habakkuk 1:1-11 ESV

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

*"Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."*

## Assurance of Pardon

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

## The Second Scripture Lesson

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,<sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,<sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.<sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."<sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,<sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.<sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

2 Peter 3:1-10 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

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”

<sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15:21-28 ESV

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People:      Thanks be to God

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery  
Papa, Boswell, Bleeker  
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Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven’s praises  
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

(Continued...)

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

## **\*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

### **The Offertory**

*Our Lord Reigns*

*By Pethel*

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Our Lord Reigns, let all the earth rejoice,  
let the islands of the sea be glad, come people lift your voice!  
Righteousness and judgment shall remain,  
the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns.

Our Lord Reigns, let all the earth rejoice,  
let the islands of the sea be glad, come people lift your voice!  
(Lift your voice!)  
Righteousness and judgment shall remain,  
the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns.

*(Continued...)*

A fire goes before him burning unbelief,  
All idols fall before him, slain by heaven's heat.  
For you O Lord, are worthy; before you all shall bow  
and worship you forever as king of Glory now!

Our Lord Reigns, let all the earth rejoice,  
let the islands of the sea be glad, come people lift your voice!  
Righteousness and judgment shall remain,  
the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns.

Our Lord Reigns, let all the earth rejoice,  
let the islands of the sea be glad, come people lift your voice!  
(Lift your voice!)

Righteousness and judgment shall remain,  
the heavens declare his glory for our Lord reigns.

Our Lord Reigns!

## 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

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting  
Hymn #188

### \*\*Benediction

## Postlude

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

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

## ***Announcements***

### **College and Career Bible Study**

John and Diane Keen will begin a College & Career bible study and fellowship time in their home tonight from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Pizza will be served after a time of study and prayer, so please RSVP if you can come (text: 813-449-0376 or email: [jkeen@christcentralpca.org](mailto:jkeen@christcentralpca.org)). Bring your bible and a friend! The Keen's address is: 11412 Paldao Road, Tampa, FL 33618.

### **Exploring Church Membership Class**

We will be offering an **Exploring Church Membership Class** for those who may be interested in learning more about CCPC. 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.

### **Congregational Prayer Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 pm**

Please join us once again as we come together as a church body seeking God's face. There are many needs before us, especially our desire for God's blessing on ESL scheduled to begin the following Sunday. Please consider making a priority of gathering with your church family as we talk together to our great God and seek to do His will for this congregation.

### **New Start Date for Fall Women's Bible Studies**

**Begins Tuesday, September 28**

Due to a backorder with study materials, the women's bible study will be delayed a week and will start on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Please call or text Kelly Fernandez at (813) 420-8662 if you have any questions regarding the study and meeting times.

## 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:

- October 3 - 7:00-8:45pm ESL begins

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

## Landscape Improvements

Do you like the new landscape improvements so far? We will be continuing Phase 2 of this project on Saturday, October 2 as we remove the remaining old landscaping and prep the ground for the new plantings. The following Saturday, October 9 will be planting and mulching day. If you can help on either or both Saturdays, please contact either Bryan Toenes or Holly Edwards. We plan to start about 8:00 am each Saturday.

### *This Week at Christ Central September 19 – September 25*

**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	Lisa Johnson	5
Ages 6-10 / 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Tami Lang	8
Middle School /High School 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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: 77

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 6,144.25

Offering for September 5, 2021: \$12,143.14

*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*

	<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*

Today:	<i>Cathy Armstrong and Tara Pilecki</i>
Sept. 26:	<i>Tami Pothoven, Jane Lambers, Lisa Johnson</i>
Oct. 3:	<i>Raquel Fernandez and Stephanie Williams</i>

### *Fellowship Snacks*

<b>September 26:</b> <i>Joyce Yabczanka Glenda Williams</i>	<b>October 3:</b> <i>Tami Pothoven Stephanie Williams</i>	<b>October 10:</b> <i>Kelly Fernandez Jane Lambers</i>
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### *September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

#### *Birthdays*