

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 26, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Sweet Remembrance

By Mendelssohn

Nocturne in Eb

By Chopin

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 65:1-4

Leader: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

People: O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

Leader: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you atoned for our transgressions.

All: Blessed is the man you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

****Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn #345

****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

¹² Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

¹⁴ You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. ¹⁵ He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad. ¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich. ¹⁷ Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?

2 I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ² And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. ⁵ "Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples."

(Continued...)

⁶ Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, “Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own— for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!” ⁷ Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. ⁸ Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. ⁹ “Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm! ¹⁰ You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life. ¹¹ For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond. ¹² “Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! ¹³ Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? ¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁵ “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! ¹⁶ You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord’s right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory! ¹⁷ The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. ¹⁸ “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! ¹⁹ Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. ²⁰ But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Habakkuk 1:12-2:20 ESV

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.

Psalm 32:5

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17 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

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13:1-9 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**The Offertory Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Hymn #529

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

The Promised Land

Arr. Michael T. Smith

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Oh they tell me of a home far beyond the skies;
Oh they tell me of a home far away;
Oh they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise.
Oh they tell me of an unclouded day.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore.
No sickness, sorrow, pain or death are felt and feared no more, no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest?

I am bound for the promised land.

I am bound for the promised land.

Oh who will come and go with me?

I am bound for the promised land!

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**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Hymn #644

(v. 1, 3, & 5 only)

****Benediction**

Postlude

Gospel Medley

Arr. Bill Wolaver

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Congregational Prayer Meeting - TONIGHT 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 28th.

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.

Exploring Church Membership Class

An **Exploring Church Membership Class** for those who may be interested in learning more about CCPC will begin Sunday, October 3rd and will meet during the Sunday school hour 9:30-10:30 am in Room 14. Please mark your Connection Card with "Membership Class" if you would like to attend, or email the church office (church@christcentralpca.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Ruling Elder, Randy Johnson (rjohnson@christcentralpca.org).

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.

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 25 – October 2***

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
MS/HS Youth Group, 5:30 pm
College and Career Bible Study, 5:30 pm at
Pastor Keen's home
Congregational Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Women's Bible Study, 9:50 am
Women's Zoom Bible Study, 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Room 9

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 89
Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 7,338.39

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

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 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
Exploring Church Membership	Randy Johnson	14

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>Jane Lambers and Raquel Fernandez</i>
<i>Oct. 3:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson and Stephanie Williams</i>
<i>Oct. 10:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez and Shannon Pothoven</i>

Fellowship Snacks

October 3: <i>Tami Pothoven</i> <i>Stephanie Williams</i>	October 10: <i>Kelly Fernandez</i> <i>Jane Lambers</i>	October 17: <i>Joan Hacquebord</i> <i>Diane Keen</i>
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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays