

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

October 10, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. Rouse

*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 47:5-7

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD
amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our
King, sing praises.

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a
psalm of praise.

****Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn #30

****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

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.
² Lord, I have heard the report about You and I fear. O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. ³ God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise. ⁴ His radiance is like the sunlight; He has rays flashing from His hand, and there is the hiding of His power. ⁵ Before Him goes pestilence, And plague comes after Him. ⁶ He stood and surveyed the earth; He looked and startled the nations. Yes, the perpetual mountains were shattered, the ancient hills collapsed. His ways are everlasting. ⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan under distress, the tent curtains of the land of Midian were trembling. ⁸ Did the Lord rage against the rivers, or was Your anger against the rivers, or was Your wrath against the sea, that You rode on Your horses, on Your chariots of salvation? ⁹ Your bow was made bare, the rods of chastisement were sworn. You cleaved the earth with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw You and quaked; the downpour of waters swept by. The deep uttered forth its voice, it lifted high its hands. ¹¹ Sun and moon stood in their places; they went away at the light of Your arrows, at the radiance of Your gleaming spear.

(Continued...)

¹²In indignation You marched through the earth; in anger You trampled the nations. ¹³You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for the salvation of Your anointed. You struck the head of the house of the evil to lay him open from thigh to neck. ¹⁴You pierced with his own spears the head of his throngs. They stormed in to scatter us; their exultation was like those who devour the oppressed in secret. ¹⁵You trampled on the sea with Your horses, on the surge of many waters. ¹⁶I heard and my inward parts trembled, at the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, and in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us. ¹⁷Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places. For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

Habakkuk 3 NASB

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

The Confession of Our Sins

O God our heavenly Father, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and who made the presence of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, manifestly known by the pouring out of your Holy Spirit; grant that we, your people, may repent of our sins, and be filled afresh and anew with Your good and gracious Spirit, so that we may live out the glorious gospel of grace with all the power you alone can provide. We humbly offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 10 He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:8, 10-12

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹³ For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, "I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you." ¹⁵ And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. ¹⁷ In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:13-20 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

¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. ¹⁵ But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, ¹⁶ and warned them not to tell who He was. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ¹⁸ "Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ "He will not quarrel, nor cry out; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. ²⁰ "A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory. ²¹ "And in His name the Gentiles will hope."

Matthew 12:14-21 NASB

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

IN CHRIST ALONE

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In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Let All the World Rejoice

By Martin

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Praise to the Lord all people adore him.
Praise to the Lord ye heavens above.
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.
Let all the nations give glory and honor to God.

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Praise to the Lord ye heavens above.
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.
Let all the nations give glory and honor to God.

Let all the world in every corner sing (rejoice and sing).
Let every voice sing praises to the King.
He is our rock.
He is our fortress.
He alone is worthy of our praise.

Praise to the Lord all people adore him.
Praise to the Lord ye heavens above.
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.
Let all the nations give glory and honor to God, to God.

Praise to the Lord all people adore him.
Praise to the Lord ye heavens above.
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.
Let all the nations give glory and honor to God.

Let all the world rejoice!

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**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Hymn #688

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

In Christian Sympathy

Please join us in expressing our deepest Christian sympathies to Pastor John and Diane Keen and John's brother, Mark Keen in the loss of their dear mother, Patty Sorrells on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Please continue to pray for John and Diane; Mark; the Keen children, Katherine and Camillo, Jon and Kaitie, Carolyn, and Grace; and five great-grandchildren as they grieve the loss of a beloved mother and grandmother.

Fall Fellowship

It's back!! Our annual Fall Fellowship picnic will be on **Sunday evening, October 24** from **5:30 -7:00 pm**. The church will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the fixings) and drinks. Please bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to a long awaited time of fellowship with our church family!

**Please RSVP your attendance on the Connection Card no later than October 17th.

Help is needed to make this event a success.

Areas where you can be of service:

- Grilling - 2 volunteers needed
- Food Prep (Start at 4:30 pm) – 3 Volunteers
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:30 pm) – 4 Volunteers
- Bounce House Attendants (Need 6 helpers, 20 min. shifts)
- Table Breakdown/Clean up (post-event) – Need 4 Volunteers

Quarterly Contribution Statements

Our Business Administrator will soon be sending out quarterly contribution statements for January–September, 2021. These statements are for your informational purposes only. You will still receive an official contribution statement next January, covering donations for the entire calendar year. The main purpose of the quarterly statements is to provide an opportunity to catch any errors in your contribution records on a more timely basis. If you have an email address listed in the church directory, we will email the statement. Otherwise, we will mail it to your home address. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Pilecki at tpilecki@christcentralpca.org.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 7, as we continue with our monthly congregational prayer meetings. This time we will be having a potluck lunch right after the worship service, and then we will begin the prayer time about 1:00 to 1:15 (exact time to be determined). As before, we plan to pray together for approximately one hour.

This Week at Christ Central *October 10 – October 16*

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
MS/HS Youth Group, 5:30 pm
ESL Ministry, 5:30 pm
College and Career Bible Study, 5:30 pm at
Pastor Keen's home
- TUESDAY:** Women's Bible Study, 10:00 am
Women's Zoom Bible Study, 7:30 pm
- 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 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

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 92

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 11,915.14

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>October</u>	<u>November</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bryan Toenes	Nancy Burks
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bryan Toenes Scott Hickerson	Darby White Randy Johnson

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>
<i>Oct. 24:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland, Tami Pothoven, Tami Lang</i>
<i>Oct. 31:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>

Fellowship Snacks

October 17: <i>Joan Hacquebord</i> <i>Diane Keen</i>	October 24: <i>Ginny Bremer</i> <i>Raquel Fernandez</i>	October 31: <i>Nancy Burks</i>
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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays