

# *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.

# *Order for the Divine Service of Worship*

*December 5, 2021 - 11:00 AM*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

## **Prelude**

*Shepherds and Angels*

*Arr. Shackley*

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## **Silent Reflection**

Advent means “**coming.**” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ. The lighting of the candles calls us to worship and sets this time apart as holy.

Of the five candles, **three candles are blue, one is rose, and one is white.** The blue candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. Blue also represents the attitude of humility and repentance with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

The First Candle is the **prophecy candle.** It reminds us that Christ’s coming was revealed by God through the prophets of years before Christ was born.

## **Welcome & Announcements**

# Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Andrew and Thatiara Konapelsky*

The Second Candle is the **Bethlehem candle**, which points to the Christ becoming man in Bethlehem.

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"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." *Micah 5:2*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Hymn #203

## **\*\*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 First Scripture Lesson

But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.

<sup>3</sup>You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; they will be glad in Your presence as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup>For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:1-7 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## The Confession of Our Sins

*“Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that makes it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God forevermore, Amen.”*

— Paul E. Engle, Baker’s Worship Handbook, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998

## Assurance of Pardon

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>4</sup> who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen. <sup>6</sup> I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; <sup>7</sup> which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:4-7 NASB

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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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

John 1:1-4 NASB

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People: Thanks be to God

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn #194

## \*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

## The Offertory

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

*Arr. Hayes*

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Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.  
Hear our joyful praises, echoing bright and clear.  
Lift up your voice, O let the world rejoice!  
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.  
Spread the yuletide spirit, comfort and good cheer.  
God comes among us, fulfillment of His promise.  
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.

Sing we now of Christmas, join the glad refrain.  
All the earth rejoices, hope is born again.  
Peace, good will to all resounds the welcome call.  
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.

Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel.  
Gladsome are the tidings that we tell.  
Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel.  
Joyfully we sing to you Noel.

Sing we now of Christmas, let the anthem ring.  
Glory in the highest, hear the angels sing.  
Join with all creation, In songs of jubilation.  
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.  
Noel sing we here.

Noel sing we...  
Sing Noel.

## 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

*John K. Keen*

*Senior Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

(v. 1-2)

## **\*\*The Great Thanksgiving**      *(Remain Standing)*

*The Sursum Corda*

**Pastor:**    The Lord be with you.

People:    And also with you.

**Pastor:**    Lift up your hearts.

People:    We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Pastor:**    Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People:    It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor:** It is very good, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; eve more praising thee, and saying,

**Pastor and People:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **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.*

*- 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**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Hymn #193  
(v. 3-4)

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **\*\*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.*

## **Postlude**

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

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

## ***Announcements***

### **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

Please make plans to join us today for our next congregational prayer meeting. Once again, after our potluck fellowship luncheon we will meet for a time of congregational prayer starting shortly after 1:00 pm.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting next **Sunday, December 12, immediately after the morning worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2022 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

### **Christmas Eve Worship Service**

Please join us at **6:30 pm** on **Friday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

### **End of Year Contributions**

This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for 2021-tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2021. Also, if you are looking for alternative ways in giving, [pcafoundation.org](http://pcafoundation.org) is a resource that may interest you. For more information, please contact Tara Pilecki.

*This Week at Christ Central*  
*December 5 – December 11*

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 11:00 am
- TUESDAY:** Women's Bible Study, 10:00 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: 120  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 8,873.13

*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 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades                  | Tami Lang                           | 8          |
| Middle School /High School<br>6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Matthew Pearson<br>&<br>Brian Waugh | Rio Center |
| Adult - PCA Study on<br>Human Sexuality                               | Randy Johnson                       | 13         |
| Adult - The Belgic<br>Confession                                      | Ben Lambers                         | 15         |

## *Volunteers*

### *Greeters / Ushers*

#### December

#### January

*Greeters:*

The Armstrong Family

Randy & Lisa  
Johnson

*Ushers:*

Servy Fernandez  
Olanzo James

Randy Johnson  
Bill Bergen

### *Nursery Volunteers*

*Today: Randa Gravanti, Jane Lambers, Tami Lang*

*Dec. 12: Tara Pilecki and Shannon Pothoven*

*Dec. 19: Diane Keen and Loretta Salgado*

### *Fellowship Snacks*

**December 12:**

*Laura Strickland  
Lisa Johnson*

**December 19:**

*Donna Waugh  
Cathy Armstrong*

**December 26:**

*Joyce Yabczanka  
Glenda Williams*

## *December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### *Birthdays*