

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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

December 19, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Arr. Larry 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 purple, one is rose, and one is white**. The purple candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. Purple 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.

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

The Third Candle is the **shepherd’s candle**. We must recognize that we, like the shepherds, must come to Christ, believe in Him, and tell this good news to others.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Matthew Pearson

The Fourth Candle is the **angel's candle**. It anticipates Christ's second coming and focuses on His finished work of salvation.

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26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:26-33

**\*\*Hymn**

Angels, From The Realms Of Glory  
Hymn #218

**\*\*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

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist. <sup>6</sup>And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. <sup>7</sup>Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>Then in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10 NASB

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

*"O God of grace, I bewail my cold, listless, heartless prayers; their poverty adds sin to sin. If my hope were in them I should be undone, but the worth of Jesus perfumes my feeble breathings, and wins their acceptance. Flood my soul with repentance that my heart may be broken for sin and unto sin. O my great high priest, pour down upon me streams of needful grace, bless me in all my undertakings, in every thought of my mind, every word of my lips, every step of my feet, every deed of my hands. O give sincerity to my desires, earnestness to my supplications, fervor to my love. AMEN"*

—The Valley of Vision

## Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is on Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

## The Second Scripture Lesson

Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. <sup>3</sup>So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup>so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:1-7 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

<sup>22</sup>And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY FIRSTBORN MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"), <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS." <sup>25</sup>And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, <sup>29</sup>"Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen Your salvation,

*(Continued...)*

<sup>31</sup> which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, and the glory of Your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— <sup>35</sup> and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Luke 2:22-35 NASB

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People: Thanks be to God

## **\*\*The Offertory Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Hymn #208

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

### **The Offertory**

*Carol of the Italian Pipers*  
*Traditional - arr. Zgodava*  
© 1968 Shawnee Press

Alleluia...

While shepherds watched their sheep,  
With all the world asleep,  
The angels came singing that most gladsome song.  
Let all adore Him, kneel before Him;  
Let the heavenly sound prolong. To us does joy belong.  
Let all the earth now sing and praise the infant King.

Alleluia...

When Christ was born in lowly stable bare,  
A star on high made day of night,  
It shone so bright and fair.  
Never so wondrous, never so glorious  
Did celestial radiance glow,  
A heavenly message to send  
To Magi three who traveled far the Christ Child to attend.

Alleluia...

## 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

What Child Is This

Hymn #113

(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; ever 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**

What Child Is This  
Hymn #113  
(v. 3)

## **\*\*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*

### Christmas Eve Worship Service

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

### Program Note Reminder

Just a reminder that CCPC will not have Sunday School on December 26 or January 2 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. Morning worship will begin at its regular 11:00 am scheduled time.

### 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.

### Memorial Service for St. Claude McDonald

The memorial service for St. Claude McDonald will be held **this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Please continue in prayer for St. Claude's family members: Gail and Wayne Chang, Karen and Maurice Gabbadon, and grandsons Patrick and Peter Chang, as they all grieve over the loss of a beloved father and grandfather.

*This Week at Christ Central*

*December 19 – December 25*

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 11:00 am

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

## ***Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children***

| <b>Class/Grade</b>                                                    | <b>Class Teacher(s)</b>             | <b>Class Room</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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                |

### **CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 115

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 16,221.60

*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*

#### December

#### January

*Greeters:*

The Armstrong Family

Randy & Lisa  
Johnson

*Ushers:*

Servy Fernandez  
Olanzo James

Randy Johnson  
Bill Bergen

### *Nursery Volunteers*

*Today: Diane Keen and Loretta Salgado*

*Dec. 26: Glenda Williams*

*Jan. 2: Lisa Johnson*

### *Fellowship Snacks*

**December 26:**

*Joyce Yabczanka  
Glenda Williams*

**January 2:**

*Tami Pothoven  
Sherri Waugh*

**January 9:**

*Judy Dostal  
Jane Lambers*

## *December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### *Birthdays*