

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 26, 2021 - 11:00 AM

First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

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)*

Psalms 113:1-3

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.

People: **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and
forevermore.**

All: **From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

****Hymn**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn #207

****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

²² When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, ²³ he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead.

²⁴ But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad." ²⁵ And Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen pitched tents in the hill country of Gilead. ²⁶ And Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have tricked me and driven away my daughters like captives of the sword? ²⁷ Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? ²⁸ And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. ²⁹ It is in my power to do you harm. But the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' ³⁰ And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?" ³¹ Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.

... ³⁶ Then Jacob became angry and berated Laban. Jacob said to Laban, "What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me? ³⁷ For you have felt through all my goods; what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two. ³⁸ These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks.

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³⁹ What was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you. I bore the loss of it myself. From my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. ⁴⁰ There I was: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. ⁴¹ These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. ⁴² If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night.”

Genesis 31:22-31; 36-42 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

“Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find thy mind in thy Word, of neglect to seek thee in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, But I bless thee that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ: Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration everything contrary to thy rule. Deliver me from every evil habit from everything that dims the brightness of thy grace in me, from everything that prevents me taking delight in thee. Then I shall bless thee, God of Jeshurun, for helping me to be upright. AMEN”

—The Valley of Vision p.77

(Note: Jeshurun is a poetic variant of Israel.)

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Philippians 2:12-16 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

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! ²His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. ⁶For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. ⁷He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. ⁸His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

Psalms 112:1-8 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**The Offertory Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Hymn #200

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

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

Recovering the 'Soul of Godliness'

Genesis 31:42

Rev. Stephen Jennings

Guest Minister

****Hymn**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #224

****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

Welcome Guest Minister

We welcome **Rev. Stephen Jennings** as our guest minister today. Raised in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Stephen was taught from childhood that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Effectually called to Christ during his years as a student at the U. S. Naval Academy, Steve served as an officer in the Marine Corps and is now retired from the same. Rev. Jennings has served Reformed churches, both as a Ruling and Teaching Elder in 8 different Presbyteries, and is an Honorably Retired Pastor on the rolls of Southwest Florida Presbytery. He has pastored churches in Arizona, Alabama, and Florida. Steve and his wife Mary have been married for 50 years. Together they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Program Note Reminder

Just a reminder that CCPC will not have Sunday School on January 2 due to the New Year holiday. 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, pcfoundation.org is a resource that may interest you. For more information, please contact Tara Pilecki.

Unhanging of the Green

Please join us after worship next **Sunday, January 2** as we'll need quite a bit of help taking down the Advent decorations! A snack will be provided!

This Week at Christ Central
December 26 – January 1

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

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 122

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 18,302.14

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

December

January

Greeters:

The Armstrong Family

Randy & Lisa
Johnson

Ushers:

Servy Fernandez
Olanzo James

Randy Johnson
Bill Bergen

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Glenda Williams

Jan. 2: Lisa Johnson

Jan. 9: Tami Pothoven and Donna Waugh

Fellowship Snacks

January 2:

*Tami Pothoven
Sherri Waugh*

January 9:

*Judy Dostal
Jane Lambers*

January 16:

*Joan Hacquebord
Diane Keen*

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays