

# *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*

*January 2, 2022 - 11:00 AM*

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

## **Prelude**

*Minuet  
By Lotti*

*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)*

*1 Timothy 1:15-17*

Leader: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

People: **But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.**

All: **Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
Hymn #38

**\*\*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**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."  
<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Genesis 12:1-4 ESV

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

*Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men. AMEN*

— Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

## Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Hebrews 11:8-12 ESV

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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

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. <sup>3</sup>When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup>And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."

*(Continued...)*

<sup>6</sup> And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. <sup>7</sup> Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>9</sup> When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup> And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

Luke 7:1-10 ESV

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  
Hymn #345

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

### **The Offertory**

*Allegretto*  
*By Stanley*

### **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**

*A Faith That Pleases God*

*Hebrews 11:8-12*

*Mr. Blake Williams*  
*Ruling Elder*

## **\*\*Hymn**

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place  
Hymn #468

## **\*\*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 New Staff Member, Nicholas Betancourt

Please join us in welcoming **Nicholas Betancourt** and his family to our worship service this morning! Nick is our newest staff member and he will be serving as Director of Youth and Family Ministries at CCPC. Nick has been a ruling elder in the PCA since 2016. He graduated from the University of Central Florida, and is currently working on a Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Oviedo. He and his wife, Catalina, have six beautiful children—Levi (7) Asher (6) Selene (4) Gracie (4) Sammy (2) and Elijah (1). They are native Floridians and currently reside in Odessa. On his spare time, Nick enjoys playing music and power lifting. Most of all, he has a deep passion to see believers of all ages come to full maturity in Christ.

The Session would like to have a time when we all can become better acquainted with the Betancourt's, so a "Meet and Greet" covered dish luncheon has been planned for **Sunday, January 23** immediately after the worship service. Please make plans now to join us for this special time!

### Unhanging of the Green

Please join us after worship **TODAY** as we'll need quite a bit of help taking down the Advent decorations! This task should not take very long, but a snack will be provided to stave off any hunger pangs!

### Congregational Prayer Meeting

Please join us at 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 9 for our first congregational prayer meeting of 2022. If you are not otherwise committed, we would love to have you join us as we start off the New Year seeking the Lord's face together as a body.

*This Week at Christ Central*

*January 10 – January 16*

**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 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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: 67

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 10,366.64

*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*

#### January

#### February

*Greeters:*

Randy & Lisa Johnson

The Salgado  
Family

*Ushers:*

Randy Johnson

Luis Salgado

Bill Bergen

Steve Strickland

### *Nursery Volunteers*

*Today: Lisa Johnson*

*Jan. 9: Tami Pothoven and Donna Waugh*

*Jan. 16: Ginny Bremer*

### *Fellowship Snacks*

**January 9:**

*Judy Dostal  
Jane Lambers*

**January 16:**

*Joan Hacquebord  
Diane Keen*

**January 23:**

*Ginny Bremer  
Raquel Fernandez*

## *January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*