

# *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.
- Please join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby immediately after the worship service.
- 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.
- As part of the covenant community, children are invited to participate in worship. We also offer a ***Children's Worship*** program during the sermon for children ages K4 through 2nd grade in Room 8. The children are dismissed during the singing of the Doxology by walking to the back of the sanctuary and following the Children's Worship leader out.

# *Order for the Divine Service of Worship*

*March 19, 2017 - 9:30 AM*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

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

## **Prelude**

*Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal*  
*J.S. Bach (BWV 643)*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **\*\*Call to Worship** *(Please stand)*

*Psalm 33:1-5*

**Leader:** Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**People:** Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

**Leader:** Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**People:** For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

**All:** The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

### **\*\*Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Hymn # 529

### **\*\*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**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" 4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Exodus 17:1-7

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

8 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.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

## The Presentation of New Members

*Ashley Johnson, Mercedes Kirk, and Tom Tietjen*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS"; 20 and again, "THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS." 21 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, 23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 NASB

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# The Anthem

*Proclamation of Praise*

*Lloyd Larson*

Praise to You, our God and King, forevermore the same, Your greatness knows no end!

Praise to You, our worship we bring. You reign in majesty, Redeemer, faithful Friend. Creator of the earth and heavens, You are exalted over all. We honor You for Your gifts of love, for all things great and small!

Praise to You, our God and King, forevermore the same, Your greatness knows no end! Praise to You, our worship we bring. You reign in majesty, Redeemer, faithful Friend.

From You, O God, come strength and pow'r. With hearts of thanks we do adore. We praise Your holy name, Your love and grace proclaim! You're eternally the same, O God!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Praise to You, our God and King, forevermore the same, Your greatness we proclaim on high!  
Amen.

## 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

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

John 9:35-40

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain  
Hymn # 455

## **\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

6 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:6-8

## **The Offertory**

*Etude*  
*F. Chopin*

## **\*\*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.*

*Children K4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades may be dismissed to Children's Church in Rm. 8*

## **The Message**

*Rev. John K. Keen*  
*Senior Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice  
Hymn # 533

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Prelude and Fugue in g minor*  
*J.S. Bach. (BWV 558)*

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

## Spring Picnic

This year, our annual spring picnic will be held on **Sunday evening, March 26th** from **5:00 - 7:30 pm**. There will be a bounce house for the kids and CCPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; *you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

**RSVP by TODAY if you are attending:** Indicate your RSVP on the connection card or via email at church@christcentralpca.org.

### **Volunteers are needed in the following areas:**

- Grilling - Filled!
- Food Preparation (Start at 4:00 pm) Filled!
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:00 pm) - Filled!
- Bounce House Attendants (Need 4 more helpers, 20 min. shifts)
- Table Breakdown/Clean up (post-event) - Filled!

If you can help, please contact Lisa Johnson.

## Church Work Day

There will be a church workday this Saturday, **March 25** from 9 am - noon. We will focus on clean up around the property prior to our picnic and Easter Sunday and simple fixes around the campus. Please plan to join us!

## Children's Worship Leaders' Meeting

Beginning in May, we will have consistent attendance with two new 4 year olds beginning in the Children's Worship program. We would like to have a brief meeting to discuss procedures for all current volunteer teachers and teacher assistants as well as those interested in serving in this ministry in Room 3/5 on **April 2** immediately following the worship service. If you have any questions, or will be unable to attend the meeting, please contact Randa Gravanti or Sara Royer.

## Help Send Our Team to Minister in Costa Rica!

June 10-17, 2017 Christ Central is sending a team to Costa Rica as learners and servants, to assist our missionaries in Costa Rica.

First and foremost, please help send us by **praying** for us. Use our published Prayer Guide, available at the Welcome Desk. Second, you can support the team **financially**. There are two ways you can support us right now! Our fundraising goal is \$5,000 (1/3 of the total cost of the trip). Currently we have raised: \$3,732. THANK YOU!

### *Church Lunch!*

Join us for an after-church lunch to raise money for our Costa Rica mission team **Sunday, April 9 beginning at 12:15 pm**. Let us know how many people will be attending with your party by April 2nd. RSVP via (1) the insert in this bulletin, or (2) with a team member at the welcome desk after our service. If you are not able to stay for the lunch you may order take out. *There is no set price for this meal, we simply ask that you donate what you deem it to be worth, perhaps with a little extra!*

### *Barnabas Bucks!*

Be on the lookout for our Barnabas Bucks Tree in the lobby! Help send our team to Costa Rica by donating \$5, \$15, \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. Simply remove a “**Costa Rica Pura Vida**” tag from the tree in the lobby. Then submit a check, payable to CCPC for the amount on the back of the tag, with “Barnabas Bucks” in the memo line.

**On behalf of our Costa Rica Team, “Thank you!”**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendars! This year’s Vacation Bible School will be held June 26-30 from 9am -12pm.

## Adult Sunday School Classes

### **The Kings and Prophets of Israel - Room 13**

*Teacher: Bryan Toenes*

Written to Jews in exile in Babylon, I and II Kings tells of a time of glory for God's chosen people until the king of Israel turned away from his God and led the nation astray. For the next few centuries, God sent prophets like Elijah and Elisha on a futile mission to warn the people and call them to repentance. Join us this quarter as we study selections from these two Old Testament books to see how God preserved for Himself a faithful remnant and proved that He alone was God and worthy to be praised.

### **The Church - Room 14**

*Teacher: Joe DeNitto*

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> century an early theologian named Cyprian said, "He cannot have God for his Father who refuses to have the church for his mother." In other words, Jesus does not save you as an individual isolated Christian; rather he saves you *into* his church. We are to make this practical and tangible in our lives by committing ourselves to a local congregation. This class will provide historical and Biblical support for the identity of the church, the marks of the church, and the mission of the church. Come discover anew your purpose and place in this Church.

### **Exploring the Ten Commandments - Room 15**

*Teacher: Ben Lambers*

Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. writes, "God hates sin not just because it violates his law, but, more substantively, because it violates shalom, because it breaks his peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be. (Indeed, that is why God has laws against a good deal of sin.)"

Join us as we explore the moral law as it is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments and the Commandments' role in the Christian life.

***This Week at Christ Central***

***March 19 – March 25***

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am  
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 11:00 am  
MS/HS Youth Meeting (Rio Center), 5:30 pm  
Kid Builders (Room 10), 5:30 pm  
Adult Bible Study, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, (Library), 9:45 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Rehearsal (Room 9), 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Group (Library), 10:00 am

***March Birthdays & Anniversaries***

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

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-7 / K4/K5 -2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Connie Trim & Diane Keen	3
Ages 8-10 /3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Randy Johnson	Rio Center
Adult - The Kings and Prophets of Israel	Bryan Toenes	13
Adult - The Church	Joe DeNitto	14
Adult - Exploring The Ten Commandments	Ben Lambers	15

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 121

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 9,065.28

*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 / Ordained Officer***

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Darby White Servy Fernandez	Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Brian Waugh	Bill Cutler
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randy Johnson

### ***Children's Worship Volunteers***

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Patrick Chang</i>
<i>Mar. 26:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Kaela Dalton</i>

### ***Coffee Volunteers***

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>Mar. 26:</i>	<i>Ginny Bremer</i>

### ***Nursery Volunteers***

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>
<i>Mar. 26:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>
<i>Apr. 2:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>

### ***Fellowship Snacks***

<u><i>Next Week - Mar. 26:</i></u> <i>Judy Dostal</i> <i>Andy Thomson</i> <i>Andrea Cawley</i> <i>Ananta Rivera</i>	<u><i>Apr. 2:</i></u> <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Marsha Craig</i> <i>Jamie Dalton</i> <i>Judy Wildeboer</i>
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