

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.
- 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

September 3, 2017 - 9:30 AM

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

I Love To Tell the Story
Arr. William Fischer

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord

Welcome & Announcements

****Call to Worship (*Please Stand*)**

Psalm 29:1-2

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

****Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy
Hymn # 100

****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

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

- A prayer attributed to St. Francis

Assurance of Pardon

Let it be known to you therefore, friends, that through this man Jesus
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Acts 13:38

The Anthem

God of Grace and God of Glory
John Hughes

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flow'r
Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and
praise.

Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free;
Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage that we fail not man nor Thee.

The Second Scripture Lesson

Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. 2 If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; 3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

1 Corinthians 8:1-6 NASB

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

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

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

John 14:1-11

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

**The Offertory Hymn

This Is My Father's World
Hymn # 111

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Allegretto
Felix Mendelssohn

**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 - 2nd Grades may be dismissed to Children's Church in Room 8

The Message

*Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor*

****Hymn**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn # 247
(v. 1-2)

The Words of Institution & The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Wine is served in the outer ring; Grape juice in the inner rings.
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

****Hymn**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn # 247
(v. 3 only)

****Benediction**

Postlude

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major (BWV 556)
J.S. Bach*

Announcements

Lower Elementary Class Cancelled

Due to a lack of teachers our K4 through 2nd Grade class has been temporarily cancelled. If you would like to teach Children's Sunday School for this class, please contact Jamie Dalton at realdaltongang@gmail.com / (863) 221-7888, or fill out the Connection Card indicating your willingness to volunteer and put it into the offering plate.

No Sunday Evening Activities Tonight

Due to the Labor Day holiday, all scheduled Sunday evening activities will NOT meet tonight. Youth Large Group and Elementary Kid Builders will resume next week at the normal time, 5:30 - 7 pm.

Women's Bible Study Begins September 12th 10:00 - 11:30 am

"Sometimes called the "Romans of the Old Testament," the book of Isaiah is a theological masterpiece. Not only does it deliver some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible, but it also gives us a glimpse into God's perspective on human history and his magnificent redemptive plan. Kathleen Nielson helps us apply this book to ourselves as the people of God and points us to our Savior, the promised Messiah." ~P & R Publishing

This women's group will meet every Tuesday (with the exception of some holidays) from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Central Presbyterian Church through May 2018. The group will be studying the book of Isaiah, using a study guide written by Kathleen Buswell Nielsen. If you register by September 3, the cost of the study guide is \$10. After that, the price may increase to cover expedited shipping.

Please contact Kelly Fernandez if you're interesting in joining and would like to order a study guide or have any questions. You may call or text her at [\(813\)420-8662](tel:(813)420-8662) or email fernandezkj@gmail.com.

Also, if you or anyone you know would be interested in serving as a paid childcare worker in the nursery during these Tuesday morning studies, please contact Pastor Danny Dalton.

Adult Sunday School Class Descriptions Labels



Exploring:

An “Exploring” Sunday School class caters to the new believer in that it assumes no background in the Bible or church life, but it will also benefit the seasoned believer in revisiting the timeless truths found in the Bible. This class usually provides an overview of a Bible book or topic and does not require any outside class work.



Digging:

A “Digging” Sunday School class digs deeper into the Bible or some aspect of Christian faith and practice. While this class assumes some prior background in the Bible and church life, new and seasoned believers are both welcome to attend and benefit from the study. This class might include optional outside class work at the discretion of the teacher, but it is not required to participate in the class.



Examining:

An “Examining” Sunday School class caters to seasoned believers, but is open to all who would like to attend. The class is meant to be a participatory discussion including weekly outside class work so that the class attendees can more fully share and participate with each other. This class can still be enjoyed if unable to complete all recommended outside class work.

Note

In recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have selected a number of classes this year (both topical and books of the Bible) to highlight Reformation themes. We hope you enjoy!

New Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning TODAY

Galatians – Room 13 Teacher: Brian Waugh

Oh foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?

Come to the Galatians Sunday School class to find out what captivated a church, a region, and even some super-apostles in Paul's day to forsake the message of grace. This was one of the epistles that had a large impact on Martin Luther, bringing shock, relief, sleepless nights, and a motivation to change the fundamental approach to man's salvation of the mainline church of his day. Now, 500 years later, we have the opportunity to study these same life-changing teachings on faith, salvation, works, grace, God's law, and our battle against Satan, the flesh and the world.

Martin Luther: 500 Years – Room 14 Teacher: Bryan Toenes

Hero? Troublemaker? Heretic? Reformer? What we make of Martin Luther probably depends upon our church tradition. For Presbyterians, with our roots in the Protestant Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, Martin Luther is practically a legend. On October 31, 1517, a piece of paper, written in Latin with 95 propositions for academic debate, sparked a movement that changed Western Christianity forever. Join us this fall as we mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's *Ninety-five Theses* and take a closer look at the life and thought of this great man of God.

Exploring Ezekiel – Room 15 Teacher: Ben Lambers

Ben Lambers leads a discussion-style study on the book of Ezekiel.

Many might wish to avoid a study on Ezekiel because of its unusual visions and pronouncements of judgment. John Calvin said about the opening vision in Ezekiel, "A Vision is now to occupy our attention, whose obscurity so deterred the Jews that they forbade every attempt to explain it. . . . but yet into what God has set before us, it is not only lawful and useful but necessary to enquire. Base indeed would be our sloth should we willingly close our eyes and not attend to the vision."

The goal for the class is to gain a greater knowledge of the power and intention of our triune God to gather a people in exile. It is hoped that this would be an encouragement in our present difficulties.

*This Week at Christ Central
September 3 – September 9*

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Adult Bible Study (Room 12), 10:00 am

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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 nd Grade	OPEN	3/5
Ages 8-10 /3 rd – 5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	Rio Center
Adult – Galatians	Brian Waugh	13
Adult – Martin Luther: 500 Years	Bryan Toenes	14
Adult – Exploring Ezekiel	Ben Lambers	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 111

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 5,031.50

August 20 Offering: \$ 7,432.63

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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Darby White Brian Armstrong	Dave Bardin Andy Thomson
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Brian Waugh	Steve White
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randy Johnson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Today:	Randa Gravanti	Alynne Cawley
Sept. 10:	Stephanie Williams	Kaleigh Williams
Sept. 17:	Jane Lambers	Ashley Johnson

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Brian Waugh
Sept. 10:	Glenda Williams
Sept. 17:	Ginny Bremer

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Therese McKenzie
Sept. 10:	Lisa Johnson
Sept. 17:	Laura Strickland

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Sept. 10: <i>Gail Chang</i> <i>Eva White</i> <i>Randa Gravanti</i> <i>Carol Moberg</i>	Sept. 17: <i>Jane Lambers</i> <i>Kelly Melendi</i> <i>Karen Collins</i> <i>Glenda Williams</i>
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