

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

February 25, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Silent Reflection

New City Catechism # 24 Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A. Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Prelude

He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Thee (BWV 642)

J. S. Bach

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 Chronicles 16:8-10

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

***Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #53

****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

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

(Continued...)

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light *of life* and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

-Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Choral Response

Threefold 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 Second Scripture Lesson

8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life-- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

2 Timothy 1:8-12

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The Anthem

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land. A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way; from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross! My glory all the cross!

The Third Scripture Lesson

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." 34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Mark 8:31-38

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**The Offertory Hymn

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

Hymn #573

Choir sings verses 1-2

Congregation and Choir sing verses 3-6

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Johann Ahle/Daniel Burton

**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 Worship in Rm. 8

The Message *Mark 8:31-38*
Rev. Daniel Dalton
Associate Pastor

****Hymn**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
Hymn #246

****Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on "St. Anne"
Gordon Young

***All who are able, please stand*

†Unless specified, all Scriptures texts are from the NIV-1984

Announcements

Welcome New Members

David and Mandy Campbell were both born in raised in Tampa, Florida. They both attended vocational school at Everest University, where David became a medical biller and Mandy a massage therapist.

David and Mandy were married in May of 2015. They live in Tampa and have a cat named Mia. David and Mandy enjoy going to the mall, eating Italian food (David is Italian), and staying up late and watching movies together. We welcome David and Mandy as new members of Christ Central!

Note

The Kid Builders program will not meet tonight. All other programs will meet as scheduled.

Church Work Day

The deacons have scheduled a church workday for Saturday, March 3 from 9 am - noon. We will be doing yard work, general maintenance around the campus, and painting one of the offices.

Save the Dates!

- High School - Elevate July 3-8
- Middle School - Kalaqua July 16-20

More information forthcoming!

Spring Picnic

This year, our annual spring picnic will be held on **Sunday evening, March 18th** 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 March 1st 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 - 2 volunteers
- Food Preparation (Start at 4:00 pm) Need 2 volunteers
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:00 pm) - Need 4-5 volunteers
- Bounce House Attendants (Need 8 helpers, 20 min. shifts)
- Table Breakdown/Clean up (post-event) - Need 5 volunteers

If you can help, please contact Lisa Johnson.

This Week at Christ Central

February 25 – March 3

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am
MS/HS Large Group, (Rio Center), 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, (Library), 10:00 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** ESL Ministry, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

February 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	Jane Lambers & Diane Keen	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 / 9 th -12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - After Darkness, Light	Bryan Toenes & Randy Johnson	13
Adult - Ezra & Nehemiah	Gregg Quick	14
Adult - Exploring Friendship	Alex Fernandez	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 128

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 13,062.88

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>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Bob Williams Family	Darby White Servy Fernandez
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Steve Strickland	Brian Waugh
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Marsha Craig	Judy Wildeboer

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Emily Strickland</i>
<i>Mar. 4:</i>	<i>Jane Lambers</i>	<i>Lesley McKenzie</i>
<i>Mar. 11:</i>	<i>Deana Johnson</i>	<i>Ashley Johnson</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>David Campbell</i>
<i>Mar. 4:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Mar. 11:</i>	<i>Glenda Williams</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>
<i>Mar. 4:</i>	<i>Tami Lang</i>
<i>Mar. 11:</i>	<i>Marilyn Horst</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Mar. 4: <i>Kelly Fernandez</i> <i>Gail Chang</i> <i>Cathy Armstrong</i> <i>Raquel Fernandez</i>	Mar. 11: <i>Jackie Toenes</i> <i>Larry LaBelle</i> <i>Carol Moberg</i> <i>Andy Thomson</i>
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Journey to the Cross

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Main Idea: Jesus is the Christ who saves us through suffering, therefore, in following him, we too will suffer.

1. Jesus reveals that his mission is _____ as a suffering servant.

2. Jesus reveals that he will not be _____ from his mission.

3. Jesus reveals that those who follow him are called to give up their _____.