

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

March 18, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Silent Reflection

Lent: In different seasons of the church year we see special colors to remind us of what Christ did for us. In the season of Lent we see purple, which is to remind us of the suffering and atoning death of Christ. It is a time of especially remembering that we are weak, unable to save ourselves, and completely dependent on God for salvation.

Prelude

O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Fall (BWV 622)

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)*

Psalm 92:1-5

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,

People: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

Leader: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

People: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

All: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

***Hymn**

God the All-Terrible!

Hymn #711

****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

Now Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's relatives and said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family, 2 "Say in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh." 3 And his mother's relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the ears of all the leaders of Shechem, and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother." 4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, who followed him. 5 And he went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself. 6 And all the leaders of Shechem came together, and all Beth-millo, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.

(Continued...)

7 When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and cried aloud and said to them, “Listen to me, you leaders of Shechem, that God may listen to you. 8 The trees once went out to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, ‘Reign over us.’ 9 But the olive tree said to them, ‘Shall I leave my abundance, by which gods and men are honored, and go hold sway over the trees?’ 10 And the trees said to the fig tree, ‘You come and reign over us.’ 11 But the fig tree said to them, ‘Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit and go hold sway over the trees?’ 12 And the trees said to the vine, ‘You come and reign over us.’ 13 But the vine said to them, ‘Shall I leave my wine that cheers God and men and go hold sway over the trees?’ 14 Then all the trees said to the bramble, ‘You come and reign over us.’ 15 And the bramble said to the trees, ‘If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade, but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.’ 16 “Now therefore, if you acted in good faith and integrity when you made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house and have done to him as his deeds deserved— 17 for my father fought for you and risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian, 18 and you have risen up against my father’s house this day and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the leaders of Shechem, because he is your relative— 19 if you then have acted in good faith and integrity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. 20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and devour the leaders of Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the leaders of Shechem and from Beth-millo and devour Abimelech.” 21 And Jotham ran away and fled and went to Beer and lived there, because of Abimelech his brother. 22 Abimelech ruled over Israel three years. 23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem, and the leaders of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech, 24 that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

Judges 9:1-24 ESV

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

- Episcopal, Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

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

1 Timothy 1:15

Choral Response

Threefold Amen
Danish

The Second Scripture Lesson

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4 ESV

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 Anthem

Grace

Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come; This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home, I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun the glorious sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun, Than since the day we first begun.

The Third Scripture Lesson

33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?"
34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Mark 9:33-35 ESV

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

Christ for the World We Sing
Hymn #447

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Meditation
Arr. John Wilson

****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 *"Jotham's Curse" - Judges 9:1-24*

Rev. Lucas Tanner
RUF Minister, Florida Gulf Coast University

****Hymn**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Hymn #353

****Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude in a minor
Heinrich Götze

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Welcome Reverend Lucas Tanner

Lucas Tanner is the campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Florida Gulf Coast University. RUF is the university campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America. Lucas was born and raised in Naples, and met his wife Bobbielee, while studying business at the University of Florida. They got married in November 2004 and have three children: Isaac, Sadie, and Molly. Lucas earned a Master of Divinity from Knox Theological Seminary and has served in student ministry for over 15 years.

Spring Picnic

Our annual spring picnic is TONIGHT from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. There will be a bounce house for the kids and CCPC will provide the hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; *you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

Holy Week Activities

Tennebrae Service

Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service where we reflect on the ministry and ultimate sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This “Service of Darkness” will be held on **Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 1st – Death could not hold him! Celebrate our resurrected Lord with us on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Sunday School will be suspended for this morning, but please join us for an extended time of fellowship in the fellowship hall following the morning’s celebration.

Easter Lilies – If you desire to order one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. Orders will be due **Sunday, March 25.**

Easter Egg Hunt - Children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt immediately after our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1st. The hunt, which will be held near the church playground area, is for all children up to and including the 5th grade.

This Week at Christ Central

March 18 – March 24

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am
Spring Picnic, 5:00 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

March 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	Steve & Laura Strickland	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 th Grade	Brian Waugh & Luis Salgado	Rio Center
Adult - Covenant Theology	Randy Johnson	13
Adult - Ephesians	Bryan Toenes	14
Adult - Exploring Encounters with Jesus	Blake Williams	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 135

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 6,921.02

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>Maureen Thomson</i>	<i>Emily Strickland</i>
<i>Mar. 25:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Bryson Pothoven</i>
<i>Apr. 1:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Alynn Cawley</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>Mar. 25:</i>	<i>Ginny Bremer</i>
<i>Apr. 1:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Liz Hickerson</i>
<i>Mar. 25:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>
<i>Apr. 1:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Mar. 25: <i>Eva White</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i> <i>Pam Bergen</i> <i>Sheila Colbert</i>	Apr. 1: <i>Easter</i> <i>CCPC Provided Snacks</i>
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