

# *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*

*April 8, 2018 - 9:30 AM*

*Second Sunday of Easter*

## **Silent Reflection**

Heidelberg Catechism # 86 Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace alone through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we yet do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit to be His image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for His benefits, and He may be praised by us. Further, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and that by our godly walk of life we may win our neighbors for Christ.

## **Prelude**

*It is Well With My Soul*

*Arr. Mark Hayes*

*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**

O Father, You Are Sovereign  
Hymn #75

## **\*\*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**

26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. 27 After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

1 The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

*(Continued...)*

5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'...13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-14

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

"Jesus, for your name sake, do that which your name proclaims. Jesus, pardon the pride that pains you and look upon the unhappy one that calls upon your tender name—name of comfort, name of delight, and to sinners, name of blessed hope. For what does your name mean, Jesus, but Savior? Therefore, for your name's sake, be to me, Jesus, a merciful Savior. Amen"

--Prayer of St. Augustine

## Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

## Choral Response

*Threefold Amen*  
*Traditional*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:1-8

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## 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

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*  
*Mikhail Ippolitof-Ivanoff*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, Blessed art Thou, O Lord; Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Who redeemer thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness. He will not always chide: neither will He, will He keep His anger, His anger forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. Blessed art thou, O Lord.

## The Third Scripture Lesson

36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is-- that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. 41 "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. 44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven-- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." 48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7:36-50

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched  
Hymn #472

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

## **The Offertory**

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*  
*Spiritual/Joe Utterback*

## **\*\*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 Worship in Rm. 8*

## **The Message**

*Luke 7:36-50 "Grace Leads to Love"*

*Rev. Daniel Dalton*  
*Associate Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Hymn #465

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Maestoso*  
*J. G. Sachs*

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

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

# Announcements

## Church Directory

The 2018 directory is now available! Copies are available at the Welcome Desk.

## Piano Recital

Students of Alice Tietjen, our pianist, will present their annual recital at Christ Central Presbyterian Church April 15 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Students from primary to high school will offer a wide variety of music from contemporary to the classics. Attendance is free to all. A reception will follow the program.

## Summer Sunday School Teachers

Christ Central Family...have you begun planning your summer calendars yet? If you love children and have a heart for teaching, then make room in your plans to teach Sunday School! Please contact Jamie Dalton with your interest and the weeks you are available between June 3 and August 26<sup>th</sup> at [realdaltongang@gmail.com](mailto:realdaltongang@gmail.com) or text 863-221-7888.

## International Dinner

Please join us on **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** for our annual International Dinner. You will be truly amazed to learn how many different regions of the world are represented here at Christ Central. We will have a variety of foods to sample from around the world. Please invite your family and friends! **RSVP to Sara Royer by May 1<sup>st</sup>** ([sroyer@christcentralpca.org](mailto:sroyer@christcentralpca.org) or 813-453-3221). If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish/dessert or to help with decorations etc., please contact Sara.

## Save the Dates!

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



*This Week at Christ Central*

*April 8 – April 14*

- 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  
Kid Builders, Room 10, 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

*April 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	Raquel Fernandez & Stephanie Williams	3/5
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	Steve & Laura Strickland	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> 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
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Apostles' Creed	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 165

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 9,288.75

*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>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong	Randy Johnson Family
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Bill Cutler	Randy Johnson
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Randy Johnson	Randa Gravanti

## *Children's Worship Volunteers*

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>	<i>Kaleigh Williams</i>
<i>Apr. 15:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Sam Fernandez</i>
<i>Apr. 22:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>

## *Coffee Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>
<i>Apr. 15:</i>	<i>Loretta Jackson</i>
<i>Apr. 22:</i>	<i>Marilyn Horst</i>

## *Nursery Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>
<i>Apr. 8:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>
<i>Apr. 15:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<b>Next Week Apr. 15:</b> <i>Andrea Cawley</i> <i>Ananta Rivera</i> <i>Kelly Melendi</i> <i>Page Hawes</i>	<b>Apr. 22:</b> <i>Karen Collins</i> <i>Glenda Williams</i> <i>Diane Keen</i> <i>Jane Lambers</i>
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## *Grace Leads to Love*

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**Main Idea:** Our love for Jesus will be in direct proportion to the amount of grace we think we've received from him.

1. The self-righteous, who think they only need to be forgiven \_\_\_\_\_, in turn love Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The humble, who know they've been forgiven \_\_\_\_\_, in turn love Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

3. True love for Jesus triggers costly acts of \_\_\_\_\_.