

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

April 22, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign

John Hutton/James Mansfield

*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 145:1-5

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

All: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

***Hymn**

O Worship the King

Hymn #2

****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

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. 2 There on the poplars we hung our harps, 3 for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4 How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget *its skill*. 6 May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy. 7 Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell. "Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!" 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is he who repays you for what you have done to us-- 9 he who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.

Psalm 137

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before Thee; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of Thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; help us, we ask Thee; to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, p. 12

Assurance of Pardon

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

Choral Response

Twofold Amen

The Second Scripture Lesson

7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." 10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. 11 Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. 12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

Galatians 5:7-12

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home. No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home, no more a stranger, or a guest; but like a child at home.

The Third Scripture Lesson

29 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. 30 And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31 So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers! 33 "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? 34 Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.

(Continued...)

35 And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiyah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 I tell you the truth, all this will come upon this generation. 37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. 38 Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Matthew 23:29-39

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

****The Offertory Hymn**
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!
Hymn #600

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory
Adagio
Antonio Vivaldi /S. Drummond Wolff

****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 *Psalm 137*
Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor

****Hymn**

Onward, Christian Soldiers
Hymn #572

****Benediction**

Postlude

Fanfare on "St. Gertrude"
Gordon Young

***All who are able, please stand*

^tUnless specified, all Scriptures texts are from the NIV-1984

Announcements

In Christian Sympathy

Please join us in expressing our deepest Christian sympathies to Loretta Salgado in the sudden death of her mother, Charlene Anderson, who died Wednesday evening April 18th. Please remember the Salgado's, Loretta's dad, and seven siblings and their families in your prayers.

Church Directory

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

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 26th at realdaltongang@gmail.com or text 863-221-7888.

International Dinner

Please join us on **Saturday, May 12th** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm 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 next week May 1st (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 22 – April 28

- 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 nd Grade	Raquel Fernandez & Stephanie Williams	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
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay – Apostles’ Creed	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 110

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 12,118.54

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

April

May

<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>
Today:	Laura Strickland	Rebecca Armstrong
Apr. 29:	Gail Chang	Peter Chang
May 6:	Diane Keen	Kaela Dalton

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Marilyn Horst
Apr. 29:	Andy Thomson
May 6:	Jackie Toenes

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Cathy Armstrong
Apr. 29:	Therese McKenzie
May 6:	Stephanie Williams

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Apr. 29:

Therese McKenzie
Loretta Salgado
Randa Gravanti
Eva White

May 6:

Jackie Toenes
Joan Hacquebord
Stephanie Williams
Andy Thomson