

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 5. 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

December 2, 2018 - 9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Gordon Young

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord*

Silent Reflection

Advent means “**coming**.” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ. The lighting of the candles calls us to worship and sets this time apart as holy.

Of the five candles, **three candles are purple, one is rose, and one is white**. The purple candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. Purple also represents the attitude of humility and repentance with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tami Lang

The First Candle is the **prophecy candle**. It reminds us that Christ’s coming was revealed by God through the prophets hundreds of years before Christ was born.

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Choral Call to Worship

Alleluia! Sing Praise to God

J. S. Bach

Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing praise unto God. Sing praise to Him, the Lord of all creation. To us He came; a man by name, to bring to us the wonder of Salvation.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing praise unto God. Sing praise to Him, with heart and voice exultant! For us He died; by men denied, to rise again in Glory now triumphant.

****Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Melody from 15th Century

Arr. John Rutter

Choir and Congregation

O Come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Choir

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come, O Israel.*

Choir

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Choir and Congregation

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty, and awe. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Choir and Congregation

O come, thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

****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

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 ESV

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”

The Assurance of Pardon

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Jeremiah 33:8

The Choral Response

Twofold Amen

The Second Scripture Lesson

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1:1-4 ESV

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The 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

How Great Our Joy!

John Rutter

While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought
angel bright,

*Refrain: How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we
the Lord in Heav'n on high.*

There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.

Refrain

There shall the child lie in a stall, this Child who shall redeem us
all.

Refrain

This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall
fill.

Refrain

The Third Scripture Lesson

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.
³All things were made through him, and without him was not
any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life
was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 ESV

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People: Thanks be to God

**The Offertory Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Hymn #225

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Angels and Shepherds

Arr. Larry Shackley

**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. 5

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

**Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

(v. 1-2)

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

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

**Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

(v. 3-4)

**Benediction

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

J. S. Bach

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Covered Dish Luncheon

Please join us for lunch today! After Sunday school we are meeting in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch. Even if you forgot to bring something to share, join us as we strive to grow in relationship with one another.

Order Your Poinsettia

It's time to place your orders for poinsettias to beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each plant is **\$7.00**.

Note: White poinsettias will be ordered this year.

If you would like to place an order please respond on the Connection Card or email the following information to church@christcentralpca.org:

1. Quantity Desired
2. How the plant(s) is to be dedicated.

Please make your checks payable to CCPC (marked Poinsettias), and place them in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is **December 9th**. Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.

Congregational Meeting

Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 16, immediately after the morning worship service.**

The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2018 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and, 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

Cookies and Carols

On **Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 PM** we will be singing our favorite carols chosen by all of you. This will be followed with a fellowship time featuring delicious, homemade cookies. Don't miss this opportunity to invite family and *especially your neighbors* to this informal gathering where we will be singing the beautiful music of Christmas and have a time of fellowship to follow. **Please RSVP by December 9** on your Connection Card if you plan to attend and if you are able to provide cookies for this event.

Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9th

5:00 pm – 8:45 pm

**Please bring wrapped gift (\$5 or less)*

- **Sign up by TODAY** (in Calvin's Crib or mark Connection Card)
- Meet at the Daltons' home. Get picked up at Williams' home.
- Required: Notarized Medical/Release Form

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Please join us at **6:30 pm** on **Monday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

This Week at Christ Central

December 2 – December 8

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 11:00 am
MS/HS Youth Meeting (Rio Center), 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am (Room 15)
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** ESL Ministry, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-5 / K4/K5	Tami Lang	3
Ages 6-8 / 1 st - 2 nd Grades	Raquel Fernandez	5
Ages 9-11 / 3 rd - 5 th Grades	Gail Chang	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
Adult - Apologetics: Taking Every Thought Captive	Luis Salgado	13
Adult - Exploring The Parables	Randy Johnson	15
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Apostles' Creed	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 109

Last Sunday's Offering: \$11,657.00

November 18, 2018 Offering: \$6,267.22

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>December</u>	<u>January</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Bryan Toenes	Fernandez Family
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Servy Fernandez	Alex Fernandez
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Ken Jackson	Donna Waugh

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>Kathryn White</i>
<i>Dec. 9:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>	<i>Kayleigh Williams</i>
<i>Dec. 16:</i>	<i>Monica Blas</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Dec. 9:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>Dec. 16:</i>	<i>Glenda Williams</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>
<i>Dec. 9:</i>	<i>Liz Hickerson</i>
<i>Dec. 16:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Dec. 9: <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Ginny Bremer</i> <i>Jamie Dalton</i> <i>Judy Wildeboer</i>	Dec. 16: <i>Andrea Cawley</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i> <i>Kelly Melendi</i> <i>Joan Hacquebord</i>
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