

# *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 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*

*September 1, 2019 – 11:00 AM*

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Prelude**

*Canon in D*

*Johann Pachelbel*

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

*Please fill out the Connection Card found in the chair pocket in front of you.*

## **\*\*Call to Worship**    *(Please Stand)*

*Psalm 150*

**Leader:** Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

**People:** Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**Leader:** Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

**People:** praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,

**Leader:** praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

**All:** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

## **\*\*Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #115

## **\*\*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**

<sup>25</sup> Now when Moses saw that the people were out of control—for Aaron had let them get out of control to be a derision among their enemies—<sup>26</sup> then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him.<sup>27</sup> He said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.'" <sup>28</sup> So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.<sup>29</sup> Then Moses said, "Dedicate yourselves today to the Lord—for every man has been against his son and against his brother—in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."<sup>30</sup> On the next day Moses said to the people, "You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the Lord, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."<sup>31</sup> Then Moses returned to the Lord, and said, "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves.<sup>32</sup> But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"

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<sup>33</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. <sup>34</sup> But go now, lead the people where I told you. Behold, My angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I punish, I will punish them for their sin.” <sup>35</sup> Then the Lord smote the people, because of what they did with the calf which Aaron had made.

Exodus 32:25-35 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## The Confession of Our Sins

O God our heavenly Father, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and who made the presence of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, manifestly known by the pouring out of your Holy Spirit; grant that we, your people, may repent of our sins, and be filled afresh and anew with Your good and gracious Spirit, so that we may live out the glorious gospel of grace with all the power you alone can provide. We humbly offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 43:25

## The Choral Response

*Threefold Amen*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

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<sup>4</sup> Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Revelation 3:1-6 ESV

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

## 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

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Joan J. Pinkston

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art; and make me to love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love; one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heav'n descended Dove, my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame. Amen.

## The Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. <sup>36</sup> Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

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<sup>39</sup> “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

Luke 12:35-40 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymn #167

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

### **The Offertory**

*See the Conquering Hero*

*G. F. Handel*

## **\*\*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. 5*

## **The Message**

*Rev. John K. Keen*

*Senior Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #261

(v.1-2)

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

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

## **\*\*Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This  
Hymn #261  
(v.3)

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Prelude in d minor  
J. S. Bach*

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

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

## *Announcements*

### **A New Women's Study Begins September 10th!**

This women's group will meet every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Central Presbyterian Church until early December. The group will be studying the book "Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love" by Edward T. Welch. Please contact Kelly Fernandez if you plan to join or have any questions. You may call or text her at (813) 420-8662 or email [fernandezkj@gmail.com](mailto:fernandezkj@gmail.com).

*"Welch builds a vision of a Christian community that moves beyond platitudes. This is a helpful primer on how to ask for and provide help in the midst of an age of separation."* ~ Elyse M. Fitzpatrick

### **Covered Dish Luncheon**

Please mark your calendars for our next covered dish luncheon **Sunday, September 15** immediately following the Worship Service. If you plan to attend, we ask that you bring a main dish and a side dish to share. CCPC will provide the paper goods and beverages. We look forward to this time of fellowship with our church family!

### **Sunday Evening Ministry** **August 18 – December 8, 2019** **5:30-7:00PM**

**Kid Builders** (1-5 grade) Room 10 - The children are eager for a year of learning what it means to be part of God's family, playing games, making crafts, and enjoying some yummy snacks. Tami Lang will be leading the group, but she is in need of weekly helpers. Interested?  
***\*Sign up for a week on the board in the foyer***

**Youth Large Group Meeting** (Middle School & High School)  
**Calvin's Crib** (RIO Center) - The entry-level ministry welcomes MS and HS students showing them who the only one worthy of worship is: Jesus Christ. This is a meeting with a positive environment, an element of fun, strong student involvement, and an understandable gospel-centered message that challenges students to take the next step in their faith.

**Adult Study** Presbyterianism: How Jesus Runs the Church  
**Teacher: Luis Salgado** (Church Lobby) - This 7-lesson study of the book, How Jesus Runs the Church by Guy Prentiss Waters, explores the biblical foundations of Presbyterian Church government.

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**Note:** There will be no Sunday Evening meeting on the following dates:

October 27 - CCPC Fall Fellowship

November 3 - Reformation Service (Holy Trinity PCA)

November 24 - CCPC Thanksgiving Vespers

December 1 - Thanksgiving Weekend

### Exploring Church Membership Class

We will be offering an **Exploring Church Membership Class** in the fall. Please mark the Connection Card if you would like to attend or learn more. Note: attending this class is required for membership at CCPC.

However, taking this class does not obligate anyone towards membership. It's a great way to learn more about the gospel, our church and the specific vision we are working to accomplish. Please mark your Connection Card with "Membership Class" if interested or email the church office ([church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org)).

### Encore Presentation of Centennial Video

There will be an encore presentation of the centennial video at **5:30 pm** on **Sunday, October 6**. Children and youth activities will continue as normal, but the video presentation will be in lieu of the normal adult study for that evening.

## Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning TODAY

### *Church History: The First 1,500 Years - Fellowship Hall*

*Teacher: Bryan Toenes*

This quarter we will go on a sweeping adventure through a millennium and a half of Christian history starting with the day that a group of devout followers of Jesus were gathered in an upper room waiting patiently for the promised Comforter. Our itinerary includes thirteen stops allowing us a closer look at the men and women whose lives shaped the trajectory of the Christian faith up to the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Along the way we will encounter martyrs and heretics, emperors and slaves, warriors and monks, scholastics and mystics – people who did their best to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

### *Exploring Genesis - Room 15*

*Teacher: Brian Waugh*

Genesis: a Sunday school class for beginners, or at least a class for people interested in beginnings. The historical narrative of Genesis furnishes the theological explanation for God's activity in the world. This book is packed with action and intrigue from the creation of earth and all things to global flooding to disastrous mega-construction projects. We will look at journeys to foreign lands with characters of great faith and deep flaws. The power and wisdom of God is expressed throughout this book which brings his people to the point of great blessing, poised to reveal God's majesty and grace in a way only a true prophet could have seen.

## Youth Sunday School Classes Beginning TODAY

### High School:

#### *The Five Points of Calvinism*

*Rio Center*

*Teacher: Randy Johnson*

This title can be misleading because John Calvin is not the direct author of these five points, nor is Calvinism summed up in five points. Through careful study of sacred Scripture the Synod of Dort offered five counter points to Armenian opposition which came to be known as The Five Points of Calvinism. The specific area of theology covered in these points can be more aptly called God's Sovereignty in Salvation. In this class we will carefully study these five points with the aim to inspire awe, gratitude and new obedience as we realize all the more that salvation is of God.

### Middle School:

#### *Shorter Catechism - Doctrine of the Moral Law*

*Rio Center*

*Teacher: Danny Dalton*

This class is the fourth installment (of six) in our journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The first three classes asked the question, "What are we to believe?" These final three classes ask, "What does God require of us?" Specifically, this class looks at one of the best known summaries of God's Moral Law, the Ten Commandments. We will be studying questions 39-81. Students will be challenged to memorize three of these questions (41, 42 and 61) as well as Exodus 20:1-17.

***This Week at Christ Central***

***September 1 – August 7***

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:30 am  
Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 11:00 am  
HS/MS Large Group Meeting, (Rio Center),  
5:30 pm  
Kid Builders, Room 10, 5:30 pm  
Adult Bible Study, Lobby, 5:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, Room 9, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group (Room 16), 10:00 am

***September Birthdays & Anniversaries***

*Birthdays*

## *Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children*

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-6/ K4 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Tami Lang & Raquel Fernandez	5
Ages 7-10 / 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Kelly Fernandez & Donna Waugh	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Randy Johnson	Rio Center
Adult - Church History The First 1,500 Years	Bryan Toenes	FH
Adult - Exploring Genesis	Brian Waugh	15
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Learning How to Pray	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 114

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,787.64

*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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darby White	Steve White
	Brian Armstrong	Scott Hickerson
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Darby White	Steve White
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randa Gravanti

## ***Children's Worship Volunteers***

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Today:	Therese McKenzie	Lesley McKenzie
Sept. 8:	Tami Pothoven	Bryson Pothoven
Sept. 15:	Kelly Fernandez	Eleanor Fernandez

## ***Coffee Volunteers***

Today:	Randa Gravanti
Sept. 8:	Loretta Salgado
Sept. 15:	Jackie Toenes

## ***Nursery Volunteers***

Today:	Shannon Pothoven/Raquel Fernandez
Sept. 8:	Kaleigh Williams
Sept. 15:	Deana Johnson

## ***Kid Builders Volunteers***

Today:	Deana Johnson
Sept. 8:	Randa Gravanti
Sept. 15:	Stephanie Williams

## ***Fellowship Snacks***

<b>Next Week Sept. 8:</b>	<b>Sept. 15:</b>
Laura Strickland	Andrea Cawley
Ginny Bremer	Lisa Johnson
Jamie Dalton	Kelly Melendi
Judy Wildeboer	Jackie Toenes