

# *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.
- 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.
- Please join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby before the worship service.
- 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 29, 2019 - 11:00 AM*

*First Sunday after Christmas*

## **Prelude**

*Son of God*

*Mark Hayes*

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

## **Silent Reflection**

New City Catechism # 52 What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

A. It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

*Hebrews 12:28-29*

Leader: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,  
People: let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,  
All: for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

### **\*\*Hymn**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn #207

### **\*\*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>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. <sup>19</sup>And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. <sup>20</sup>The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup>Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them." <sup>23</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, 'Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.'" <sup>24</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them." <sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

Exodus 19:16-25 ESV

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge sincerely before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in sin, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity, we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing. We thus purchase for ourselves, through thy righteous judgment, our ruin and eternal punishment. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and with true repentance, cry out for thy grace. O God and Father, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As you blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us daily the grace of the Holy Spirit, that our sins will be more and more mortified and that you would produce in us the fruit of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from Calvin's Strassburg liturgy, 1545)

## The Assurance of Pardon

"I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 44:22

## \*\*Hymn

What Child Is This

Hymn #213

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly<sup>[a]</sup> of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-24 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*

### Special Music

*Holly Edwards*

*I Wonder as I Wander  
Appalachian Carol*

## The Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." <sup>13</sup> And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. <sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Luke 13:10-17 ESV

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People: Thanks be to God

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
Hymn #200

## \*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

## The Offertory

*We Three Kings*

*Arr. Mark Hayes*

## **\*\*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. Andrew Newman*

*RUF Pastor at USF*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #224

## **\*\*Benediction**

## Postlude

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

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

# *Announcements*

## **No Choir Practice**

Due to the holidays, choir practice will be suspended this week and will resume its normal schedule on Wednesday, January 8.

## **End of Year Contributions**

This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for 2019-tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2019. Also, if you are looking for alternative ways in giving, [pcafoundation.org](http://pcafoundation.org) is a resource that may interest you. For more information, please contact Stan Wildeboer.

## **Unhanging of the Green**

Please join us **Saturday, January 11 from 10 am - noon**, as we'll need quite a bit of help taking down the Advent decorations! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Johnson at [church@christcentralpca.org](mailto:church@christcentralpca.org).

## **Save the Date for a Trip Around the World!**

No plane ticket or luggage needed! Let's celebrate our church's diversity at the **Third Annual International Dinner**.

Our trip will take off **Saturday, January 25 at 5:30 PM** here in our church fellowship hall. We'll travel from table to table, sampling delicacies from around the globe. This is a potluck-style event with a sign-up in the church foyer or through a link in an upcoming email.

What's new this year? We will discuss our Spanish Church Plant embedded within Christ Central. Also, prizes will be awarded for best table display, best regional costume, and best dish! There will also be a "people's choice award" where you'll pick your favorite participant.

Questions? Please contact Tami Lang at 813-240-7780 (talk or text) or at [tamilang1@verizon.net](mailto:tamilang1@verizon.net).

Everyone is invited to our global celebration, so please bring a traveling companion or two!

*This Week at Christ Central*

*December 29 – January 4*

**SUNDAY:**

Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am  
Morning Worship, 11:00 am

**FRIDAY:**

Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

*December 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	Steve Pothoven	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - Worship	Danny Dalton	Fellowship Hall
Adult - Exploring 1 & 2 Peter	Randy Johnson	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: 164

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ TBD

*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>January</u>	<u>February</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Fernandez Family	Williams Family
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Alex Fernandez	Steve Strickland
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Donna Waugh	Marsha Craig

## *Children's Worship Volunteers*

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Jan. 5:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Bryson Pothoven</i>
<i>Jan. 12:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>Lesley McKenzie</i>

## *Coffee Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Jackie Toenes</i>
<i>Jan. 5:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Jan. 12:</i>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>

## *Nursery Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Deana Johnson</i>
<i>Jan. 5:</i>	<i>Marilyn Horst</i>
<i>Jan. 12:</i>	<i>Diane Keen</i>

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<b>Next Week Jan. 5:</b>	<b>Jan. 12:</b>
<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Joan Hacquebord</i>
<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Beverly Thomson</i>
<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Pam Bergen</i>
<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>	<i>Sheila Colbert</i>