

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.
- 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

January 5, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Arr. John F. Wilson

*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**

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us

People: That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

All: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

****Hymn**

As With Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #226

****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

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; ²to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, ³to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. ⁴Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. ⁵Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers. ⁶But you will be called the priests of the Lord; You will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

Isaiah 61:1-6 NASB

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

The Confession of Our Sins

"O Lord, full of mercy and grace, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone: give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love, to adore you Lord, a heart to delight in you, to follow, to rejoice in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen"

-St. Ambrose

The Assurance of Pardon

To Jesus all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:43

**The Choral Amen

Twofold Amen

The Second Scripture Lesson

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; ³that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, ⁷of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. ⁸To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

Ephesians 3:1-12 NASB

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

Anthem

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Arr. Mark Hayes

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee, for Thee.

The Third Scripture Lesson

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’” ⁷Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

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⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." ⁹ After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:1-12 NASB

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Hymn #193

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Largo
Antonio Vivaldi

****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**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Hymn #247
(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**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Hymn #247
(v. 3)

****Benediction**

Postlude

Announcements

Unhanging of the Green

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

Sunday Evening Ministry **Resumes January 12th** **5:30-7:00PM**

- **Kid Builders** (1-5 grade) Room 10

The children are eager to continue learning what it means to be part of God's family, playing games, and making crafts. Tami Lang is leading the group, but she is in need of weekly helpers. Interested?

- Sign up for a week on the board in the foyer*
- Join us that week from 5:30 to 7 PM
- Love our children

* Volunteers subject to administrative approval

- **Youth Large Group Meeting** (Middle School & High School)
Calvin's Crib (RIO Center)

- **Adult Study**

Teacher: John Keen
Church Lobby

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.

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

Thank You from our Staff!

On behalf of the pastoral, music, and administrative staff we would like to express our gratitude for the gifts that were given for us to receive a Christmas bonus. Thank you to each of you who helped contribute towards this gift. It is greatly appreciated. It is truly a joy to serve this congregation. You make it very easy to repeat the words of Paul: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil 1:3-5). May God richly bless each of you as we eagerly worship Jesus together.

This Week at Christ Central

January 5 – January 11

- SUNDAY:** Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

January 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 st Grade	Tami Lang & Raquel Fernandez	5
Ages 7-10 / 2 nd - 5 th Grades	Kelly Fernandez & Donna Waugh	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	Rio Center
High School / 9th -12 th 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: 138

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 8,130.22

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>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>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Bryson Pothoven</i>
<i>Jan. 12:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>Lesley McKenzie</i>
<i>Jan. 19:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Emily Strickland</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Jackie Toenes</i>
<i>Jan. 12:</i>	<i>David DeNitto</i>
<i>Jan. 19:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Marilyn Horst</i>
<i>Jan. 12:</i>	<i>Diane Keen</i>
<i>Jan. 19:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven/Kelly Fernandez</i>

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Jan. 12: <i>Joan Hacquebord</i> <i>Beverly Thomson</i> <i>Pam Bergen</i> <i>Sheila Colbert</i>	Jan. 19: <i>Kelly Melendi</i> <i>Judy Smith</i> <i>Stephanie Williams</i> <i>Diane Keen</i>
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