

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 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

July 12, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Join All Glorious Names

Arr. Larry Shackley

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)*

Isaiah 6:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

People: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

All: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

***Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #100

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

****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

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god. ³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles, ⁴youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the

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⁵ The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service. ⁶ Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷ Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego. literature and language of the Chaldeans.

Daniel 1:1-7

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

Assurance of Pardon

For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁸ But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. ⁹ Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials, ¹⁰ and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king." ¹¹ But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

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¹² “Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king’s choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see.” ¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king’s choice food. ¹⁶ So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables. ¹⁷ As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:8-17

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 Third Scripture Lesson

¹⁸ Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king’s personal service. ²⁰ As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm. ²¹ And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.

Daniel 1:18-21

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Hymn #30

1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt
secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; short
as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and
cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing
years.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they
fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

7 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O
be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

At the conclusion of the service, tithes and offerings can be placed in trays held by ushers as you exit from the sanctuary.

****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.

The Message

*Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor*

****Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #263

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

Refrain

4 Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

5 For thy blest cross which doth for us atone, creation's praises rise before thy throne.

Refrain

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Thank You

Judy and I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the love and thoughtfulness which you have conveyed to us over the past few weeks. I am thankful to God for his grace and mercy, for the miracle of modern medicine, and for the skill and dedication of the surgeons, nurses and care techs at St. Joseph's Hospital. We are especially thankful for the many prayers, cards and calls from our family here at Christ Central. Words cannot express how meaningful your words of encouragement have been to us. Recovery is progressing as expected, though not as fast as desired. Again, we sincerely thank you.

Stan & Judy Wildeboer

Worship Information and Covid-19 Adjustments

We are pleased to begin reopening our church in order to worship God as his gathered people! However, in order to accommodate our phase 1 reopening guidelines, please be aware of the following:

- As an act of loving our neighbor, we are strongly urging all worshipers to wear a face mask. We have a limited supply of masks available. If you do not have one, simply ask one of our ushers.
- We ask that there be a minimum of three empty seats between each household.
- Please be aware, when sanctuary seating is at capacity, latecomers will be seated in the church lobby, which will have a TV displaying the service.
- In order to refrain from using hymnals and other high touch items, the entire liturgy, including all verses to hymns are printed in the bulletin.

Also, please be aware of other adjustments to our normal activities:

- There will be no infant and toddler nursery, Coffee and Conversation nor Children's Worship until further notice. Worshipers may still gather before and after the service for fellowship (while observing appropriate social distancing), but the church will not be providing any food or beverages for sanitary reasons.
- All other church activities remain suspended until further notice. Bible studies may continue online (refer to separate announcements for times and access).

This Week at Christ Central

July 12 – July 18

SUNDAY:

Adult Study of Hebrews, via Zoom, 9am
Middle School Sunday school, via Zoom, 9am
Morning Worship, 11:00am

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 89

Last Sunday's Offering: \$12,529.65

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

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays