

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

August 30, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Camp Meeting Medley

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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)*

Psalm 145:1-5

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever

People: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

All: **They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

***Hymn**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn #103

****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

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ²and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God." ⁶Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

Daniel 6:1-9 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”

--Prayer of St. Augustine

Assurance of Pardon

In him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:7

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.” ¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.” ¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”

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¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.
¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Daniel 6:10-18 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 Third Scripture Lesson

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. ²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. ²⁷ He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." ²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 6:19-28 ESV

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

****The Offertory Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation
Hymn #347
(v. 1-4 only)

****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**

Nothing but the Blood
Hymn #307

****Benediction**

Postlude

Announcements

A New Virtual Women's Study Begins Tuesday, September 8th!

"The beatitudes reveal to us eight qualities that bring God's blessing: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger, peacemaking and persecution. Jesus highlighted these to offer both encouragement and instruction on living distinctly as his followers in a world with values much different from God's. As we study these qualities and integrate them into our lives, we will receive the blessing Jesus promised to his followers then and now. John Stott was one of the world's leading and most-loved Bible teachers and preachers. In this newly updated Bible study guide you can explore Scripture under his guidance, enhancing your own in-depth study with insights gained from his years of immersion in God's Word."

This women's group will meet virtually every Tuesday **from 10-11:30 a.m.** until early December to study the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, using John Stott's workbook, "The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character" to guide us.

If you'd like to join, follow these two steps:

1. **Order a workbook.** Because we are meeting virtually, we will not be doing a group order this semester. The newest edition will ship from Amazon on August 31. The older edition, which is the same substantively, is available immediately. If you order from Amazon Smile (Smile.Amazon.com) and designate "Christ Central Presbyterian Church" as your charity, a portion of every purchase is given back to the church. The workbook is also available through the PCABookstore.com and Christianbook.com.

2. **Before September 8, contact Kelly Fernandez** by email fernandezkj@gmail.com for the virtual meeting links, or call or text her at (813) 420-8662 for the phone number to join by phone. Feel free to contact Kelly with any other questions you may have.

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 and phase 2 reopening guidelines, please be aware of the following:

- As an act of loving our neighbor, all worshipers are 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.

Fall Sunday School Classes Beginning September 6, 2020

Children - we will be sending lessons home with the parents to administer at home

Middle School:

Shorter Catechism- Doctrine of Salvation and Sacraments

Sundays at 9:00 AM via Zoom

Teacher: [Danny Dalton](#)

This class is the fifth 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 faith, repentance, spiritual disciplines and the sacraments. We will study Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) questions # 82-97. Students will be challenged to memorize seven of these 82, 86, 87, 92, 94, 95, & 96. There will be a prize! But more importantly, knowing these truths will help you to mature in your faith as the Holy Spirit sinks them deep into your heart.

High School:

The Gospel of John, Chapters 1-10 (GCP curriculum)

Sundays at 5:30 PM via Zoom

Teacher: [Brian Waugh](#)

In this study we will be guiding students to relate faith to life and life to faith as we listen to the greatest Teacher of all—Jesus, God himself in the flesh. In this eyewitness account written by "the disciple whom Jesus loved," we find Jesus using everyday items and events to teach deep spiritual truths, and everyone—including teens!—must either believe or reject him. There is no middle ground. We will see just how bold Jesus' claims were as he demonstrated his divine authority.

Adults:

The Early Church (A Study of Acts 1-12)

Sundays at 9:00 AM via Zoom

Teacher: [Bryan Toenes](#)

"You will be My witnesses." These were some of the last words Jesus spoke to His disciples before He ascended into heaven. Ten days later, one hundred twenty followers of Christ experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and boldly proclaimed the name of Jesus beginning in Jerusalem and Judea and onward to Samaria and lastly to the ends of the earth. This quarter we will study the first twelve chapters of the Book of Acts as we get back to the basics of what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ.

This Week at Christ Central
August 30 – September 5

SUNDAY:

Adult Study of Hebrews, via Zoom, 9am
Middle School Sunday school, via Zoom, 9am
Morning Worship, 11:00am
High School Sunday school via Zoom, 5:30 pm

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 74
Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 4,989.11

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays