

# *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 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*

*November 8, 2020 - 11:00 AM*

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Prelude**

*Hymn Medley*

*Arr. Goss*

*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 92:1-4*

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

**People: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

Leader: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**All: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

### **\*Hymn**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn #302

### **\*\*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>6</sup>“For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, the sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.” <sup>7</sup>“From the days of your fathers you have turned away from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of armies. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’” <sup>8</sup>“Would anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.” <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the entire nation of you! <sup>10</sup>Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this,” says the LORD of armies, “if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.” <sup>11</sup>Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you,” says the LORD of armies. <sup>12</sup>“All the nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD of armies.

Malachi 3:6-12 NASB

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## The Confession of Our Sins

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

- Episcopal, Book of Common Prayer

## Assurance of Pardon

<sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6

## Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

*Eliana Yael Lambers*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

Now, brothers and sisters, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily, <sup>4</sup>begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, <sup>5</sup>and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well.

2 Corinthians 8:1-6 NASB

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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.*

## The Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>16</sup> “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is obligated.’ <sup>17</sup> You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? <sup>18</sup> And you say, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the offering that is on it is obligated.’ <sup>19</sup> You blind men, which is more important, the offering or the altar that sanctifies the offering? <sup>20</sup> Therefore, the one who swears by the altar, swears both by the altar and by everything on it. <sup>21</sup> And the one who swears by the temple, swears both by the temple and by Him who dwells in it. <sup>22</sup> And the one who swears by heaven, swears both by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it. <sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! <sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may also become clean.

Matthew 23:16-26 NASB

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## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Hymn #529

## **\*\*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**

*John K. Keen  
Senior Pastor*

## **\*\*Hymn**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior  
Hymn #644

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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

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

## *Announcements*

### High School Costa Rica Mission Experience 2021

Save the date: July 11-17, 2021

#### Information Meeting

**TODAY at 12:20PM in the Sanctuary**

We have been invited to bring a High School Mission Team to Costa Rica as learners and servants, to assist our missionaries as they work alongside the Costa Rican church to make God known by establishing a presbytery Costa Rica. Due to the global pandemic, adjustments will be made to safeguard the health and safety of our team, our missionaries, and the Costa Ricans with whom we will interact. We will begin forming our team in the upcoming weeks.

All who are considering participation on this High School Mission Experience are strongly urged to make every effort to attend today's Information Meeting. Among other important trip details, Covid-19 implications will be discussed and applications to join the team will be handed out. If unable to attend, please contact pastor Dalton so other arrangements can be made.

#### Hanging of the Green

Save the date for **Sunday afternoon, November 22** to help set up the Christmas decorations for the Advent season. Immediately after morning worship, we will gather for a light lunch of sandwiches, chips, and drinks (all Covid-safe). After lunch, we will decorate the Sanctuary and other areas for the Advent season. Do make plans now to join in the decorating fun! Please RSVP on your Connection Card or email the church office if you are planning to stay so we can have an accurate count for food purchases.

#### Thanksgiving Vespers Service

Please join us **Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 pm** for our annual Thanksgiving Vespers Service. We will enjoy singing hymns, a brief message and a time of sharing together. Everyone is welcome!

## All Church Service Opportunity

We will be partnering with Metropolitan Ministries, a local organization that cares for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. This is a great way to live out 1 John 3:18, which states, "let us not love with words or tongue, but with action and in truth." There are three tangible opportunities for our entire church to be involved in serving this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

### **(1) Tuesday, November 24 from 8:30 am-11:30 am**

- Serve in-person at Metropolitan Ministries Tampa Campus with a group from Christ Central
- Group size is limited to 12.
- All volunteers are required to wear masks and undergo a temperature checks upon arrival.
- If you are interested in serving, mark your Connection Card with "MM Nov. 24" (or email the church [office: church@ChristCentralpca.org](mailto:office:church@ChristCentralpca.org)) and we will provide you with instructions of where to meet and how to pre-register with our group.
- Unless we reach a group size of 12 first, the sign up deadline is Tuesday, November 17.

### **(2) Monday, December 21 from 8:15 am-11:30 am**

- Serve in-person at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent with a group from Christ Central.
- Group size is limited to 15.
- All volunteers are required to wear masks and undergo a temperature checks upon arrival. If you are interested in serving, mark your Connection Card with "MM Dec. 21" (or email the church [office: church@ChristCentralpca.org](mailto:office:church@ChristCentralpca.org)) and we will provide you with instructions of where to meet and how to pre-register with our group.
- Unless we reach a group size of 15 first, the sign up deadline is Tuesday, December 1.

### **(3) Food & Christmas Gift Donation**

- If you are unable to serve in-person, you can still be involved by donating needed food and Christmas gift items.
- Most needed Food items: canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruits, rice, pasta, boxed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and dessert mixes.
- Most needed gift items: teen girl and boy gifts (age 13-17)
- Please place your donated food/gift items in the Donation Box located in the church Lobby.
- Items will be collected the church through Sunday, December 13

## **Covid-19 Update (as of October 13, 2020)**

The Session of Christ Central continues to reevaluate our response to Covid-19. At the most recent stated meeting on October 13, among other ministry matters, the Session discussed Christ Central's strategies to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 at our church gatherings. After studying the matter and prayerful deliberation, we came to the conclusion that no further changes would be made at this time. In other words, the face mask requirement and adherence to social distancing remain in effect until further notice. The Session will continue to regularly reevaluate our safety requirements. Until changes are made, please adhere to the following requirements:

- 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.

### ***This Week at Christ Central November 8 – November 14***

**SUNDAY:** Adult Study: The Early Church (Acts 1-12), via Zoom, 9am  
Middle School Sunday school, via Zoom, 9am  
Morning Worship, 11:00am  
High School Sunday School via Zoom, 5:30 pm

**TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, via Zoom, 10:00 am

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 102  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$12,676.40

*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*

# *November Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*