

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

November 15, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

On Wings of Song

By Mendelssohn

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: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

People: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

All: And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

***Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #100

****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

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near, for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated His guest ...

12 It will come about at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are stagnant in spirit, who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good or evil!' 13 Moreover, their wealth will become plunder and their houses desolate; yes, they will build houses but not inhabit them, and plant vineyards but not drink their wine." 14 Near is the great day of the Lord, near and coming very quickly; listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and the high corner towers. 17 I will bring distress on men so that they will walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood will be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, for He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 NASB

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; Through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.”

Book of Common Worship, John Knox Press, 1993

Assurance of Pardon

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

The Second Scripture Lesson

50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. 55 “O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 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

14 "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. 16 Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. 17 In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. 18 But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves *came and *settled accounts with them. 20 The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' 26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 27 Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' 29 "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30 Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:14-30 NASB

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****The Offertory Hymn**

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
Hymn #448

****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**

Lift High the Cross
Hymn #263

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

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!

Congregational Meeting

Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 13, immediately after the morning worship service.**

The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2021 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

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

The Session of Christ Central continues to reevaluates 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.

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

This Week at Christ Central
November 15 – November 21

- 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

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 115
Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,731.14

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