

# *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.
- 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.

# *Order for the Divine Service of Worship*

*December 27, 2020 - 11:00 AM*

*First Sunday after Christmas*

## **Prelude**

*Rejoice! He is Here*

*Arr. Mark Hayes*

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## **Silent Reflection**

**Heidelberg Catechism # 32 But why art thou called a Christian?**

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; that so I may confess his name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life and afterwards I reign with him eternally, over all creatures.

## **Call to Worship**

*Psalm 113:1-3*

**Leader:** Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

**People:** Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

**All:** From the rising of the sun all the way to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## \*Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice  
Hymn #207

## \*\*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>27</sup> Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house. <sup>28</sup> Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips. <sup>29</sup> Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done." <sup>30</sup> I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, <sup>31</sup> and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. <sup>32</sup> Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. <sup>33</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, <sup>34</sup> and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

Proverbs 24:27-34 ESV

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

*O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge sincerely before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity, we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through thy righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and with true repentance, beseech thy grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As you blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us daily the grace of the Holy Spirit, that our sins will be more and more mortified and that you would produce in us the fruit of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

*(Adapted from Calvin's Strassburg liturgy, 1545)*

## Assurance of Pardon

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in loving kindness to all who call upon You.

Psalm 86:5

## \*Hymn

What Child Is This  
Hymn # 213

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>9</sup> Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, <sup>10</sup> for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, <sup>11</sup> and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 ESV

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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

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:12-16 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
Hymn #200

## \*\*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. Bob Burridge*  
*Guest Pastor*

*Diligent Aspiration*

**\*\*Hymn**

Go Tell It on the Mountain  
Hymn #224

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

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

## ***Announcements***

### **Welcome to our Guest Minister, Rev. Bob Burridge**

Bob Burridge served as a middle school and high school teacher from 1973 until 1987 when he was ordained as a pastor with the PCA. He taught in the fields of science, Bible, and computer programming. He served 25 years as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Pinellas Park. Bob is now the Executive Director of the ministry of the *Genevan Institute for Reformed Studies*, which is filled with excellent resources, articles, lessons, and videos teaching on the doctrines of grace. We invite you to utilize this ministry for your own personal growth and for leading studies with others in your home.

[GenevanInstitute.org](http://GenevanInstitute.org)

### **Costa Rica Christmas Tree**

We are excited to announce that we have begun the process of preparing for our service experience in Costa Rica. We had our first team meeting and training on December 6. As a kickoff fundraiser towards our goal of raising \$5000, we have set up a Christmas giving tree located in the lobby. If you would like to donate, please select an ornament with the desired amount on it and return the amount in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please be sure to designate the funds to the Costa Rica Service Experience on any checks or to use an envelope with the same designation for cash. Thank you, church family, for all your support.

### **Unhanging of the Green**

Please join us after worship next **Sunday, January 3** as we'll need quite a bit of help taking down the Advent decorations! A snack will be provided!

### **End of Year Contributions**

This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for 2020-tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2020. Also, if you are looking for alternative ways in giving, [pcfoundation.org](http://pcfoundation.org) is a resource that may interest you. For more information, please contact Tara Pilecki.

## Covid-19 Update (as of November 17, 2020)

### **Resuming In-Person Sunday School (Face masks still required)**

As your Session continues to study and prayerfully reevaluate our strategies to mitigate the threat of Covid-19 at our church gatherings, we have come to the decision at our November stated meeting to resume in-person Sunday School, beginning December 6, 2020!

The nursery will be open and classes will be offered for: Toddlers, Elementary, Middle School, High School as well as two Adult classes. See chart below for Sunday school topics and room assignments.

The Session will continue to regularly reevaluate our safety requirements. Until changes are made known, please adhere to the following requirements:

- While inside the building, all attendees are to wear a face mask, though teachers may be unmasked while teaching at the front of the room. We have a limited supply of masks available. If you do not have one, simply ask one of our ushers.
- We ask that all attendees adhere to social distancing while on the church campus.
- When sanctuary seating is at capacity, latecomers will be seated in the church lobby, which has a TV displaying the service.

If you are experiencing any symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive to the coronavirus, out of an abundance of caution, please refrain from attending.



***This Week at Christ Central***  
***December 27 – January 2***

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 11:00am

**CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: TBD

Last Sunday's Offering: TBD

*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*

***Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children***

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-5/Toddlers - K	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 6-10 / 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Jane Lambers	8
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
High School / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - Outreach	Randy Johnson	Fellowship Hall
Adult - Chosen By God	Luis Salgado	15

# *December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*