

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
- 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.

Covid-19 Protocol

- **Worship** — The Session has decided to implement a split mask option, an area of the sanctuary will be designated for worshipers who wish to remove their masks while seated during the worship service. We will maintain the rule that all worshipers should wear a mask at all times when moving about anywhere inside the building.
- **Sunday School** — All attendees should wear a face mask while participating in the Sunday school hour. 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.

Please adhere to the aforementioned requirements until the announcement of further changes. 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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

May 2, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Silent Reflection

“O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

— *Book of Common Prayer, page 306*

Prelude

Canzone

By Ashford

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

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Leader: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

People: But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

All: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

****Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Hymn #38

****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

⁶Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.

⁷Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, ⁸she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. ⁹How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?

¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

¹¹and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man. ¹²A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech,

¹³winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, ¹⁴with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; ¹⁵therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing. ¹⁶There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, ¹⁹a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Proverbs 6:6-19 ESV

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

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

The Second Scripture Lesson

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:25-32 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

³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

³³ "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

³⁵ The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Matthew 12:31-37 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

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**The Offertory Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #32

**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**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn #247

(v. 1-2)

The Words of Institution & The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Wine is served in the outer most ring of the tray; Grape juice in the inner rings.
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

- Each row will be dismissed by one of our deacons in order to come forward to receive the elements.

- Please return to your seat with the bread and cup, as we will all partake together.

****Hymn**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn #247

(v. 3)

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Congregation Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting **TODAY, immediately after the worship service**. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Reverend Daniel Dalton and Christ Central Presbyterian Church, as he has received a call to pastor another PCA church. The effective date of termination of employment will be at a later date determined by the Session.

Church Workday

We are planning a work day on Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 am to trim many of the trees on our campus and clear some brush along our fences. If you are available, we would love to see you come out for a few hours and help. Many hands make light work! Please contact Deacon Bill Bergen if you can come.

Save the date for a Trip around the World!

Mark your calendars for our annual **International Dinner on Saturday, May 22 at 5:30 pm**. Come celebrate our church's diversity as we fellowship with one another and sample dishes from around the world! You will be truly amazed to learn how many different regions of the world are represented here at Christ Central. We will have a variety of foods to sample from around the world. Please invite your family and friends!

RSVP Sign up sheets for this potluck style dinner will be located in the lobby, or you can mark your Connection card or email Lisa Johnson at church@christcentralpca.org to RSVP your presence and dish. If you would like to volunteer to help with decorations, set up or clean up, please contact Lisa.

High School Elevate Camp — June 11-16

The early registration deadline ends on May 9, 2021. Registration fliers are available in the Rio Center. This will be an excellent year at camp with pastor Tim Rice (Trinity PCA, Lakeland) serving as the main speaker. Join high school students from PCA churches all over Florida as we get away to Ocoee, TN for a week great teaching, fellowship, and activities, including white water rafting down the Ocoee river! Our counselors will be Steve & Tami Pothoven.

Cost

By May 9 — \$295

After May 9 — \$320

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a few new members. We meet about four times per year and advise the Session on all matters related to Christian education in the church. If you are a church member interested in serving, please contact Bryan Toenes at btoenes@christcentralpca.org.

Campus Maintenance

Attention all CCPC members: The Lord has blessed our church with a large property we can use to minister to our community. However, a large property also means a lot of work to maintain it to the glory of God. How can you assist the Diaconate in being good stewards of this campus? Can you donate your time, materials, money, or other gifts to help us? Please pray how you can be part of some of the upcoming projects we are planning:

- Tree Trimming Work Day – May 15th
- Repair ceiling in sanctuary
- Pressure wash sidewalks
- Repair/expand irrigation system
- Repair the chain link fence by our neighbor's house

If you can help with these projects in any way, please contact Deacon Bill Bergen at bbergen@christcentralpca.org or (813) 435-0338.

This Week at Christ Central

May 2 – May 7

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
MS/HS Large Group Meeting (Rio Center),
5:30 pm
Kid Builders, Room 10, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, Via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 6-10 / 1 st - 5 th Grades	Jane Lambers	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Matthew Pearson	Rio Center
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	Rio Center
Adult - The Life and Teaching of Paul	Bryan Toenes	Fellowship Hall
Adult - Spiritual Disciplines	Steve Strickland	15
Exploring Church Membership	CCPC Elders	14

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 73

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,088.72

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

Volunteers

Greeters / Ushers

May

June

Greeters:

Randy and Lisa Johnson

Servy and Raquel
Fernandez

Ushers:

Randy Johnson
Darby White

Servy Fernandez
Olanzo James

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Stephanie Williams
May 9: Randa Gravanti
May 16: Marilyn Horst

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays