

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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

May 23, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Pentecost

Silent Reflection

“Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

— Book of Common Prayer, page 412

Prelude

*He Have Thine Own Way/He Leadeth Me
Arr. by Whitworth*

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

Psalm 104:1-4

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent**

Leader: and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

All: **He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.**

****Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn #98

****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

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Acts 2:1-13 ESV

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. With broken and contrite hearts we confess that we grieve your Holy Spirit. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy upon us, O God. Please transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

-Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, p.343

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

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

(Continued...)

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Acts 2:14-36 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

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:37-47 ESV

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

**The Offertory Hymn

For Your Gift of God the Spirit
Hymn #339

**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**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymn #334

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

COVID Protocol Update

At the May Session meeting, your elders decided to eliminate the facemask requirement, **effective TODAY and thereafter**. All are still welcome to wear facemasks, but they will no longer be required while in church buildings. We will continue to supply plenty of hand sanitizer and additional facemasks for those who desire.

However, the last two rows in the sanctuary will remain mask mandatory, so that people who desire to remain masked can use those rows, to space out as they see fit. If you wish to remain mask-free, we ask that you refrain from sitting in the last two rows, which will be marked.

The Session will continue to regularly reevaluate our safety requirements and notify the congregation of any subsequent changes. If you are experiencing any symptoms or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive to the corona virus, out of an abundance of caution, please refrain from attending.

Despite these safety precautions we understand that there are still many who do not yet feel safe to gather for public worship. This is one reason why we have instituted live streaming of our worship service. Though live streaming our service is no substitute for the gathering of Christ's church for Lord's Day public worship, it does provide some connection to our church community.

Children's Elementary Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for our 1st - 5th grade children for the summer quarter and fall quarter. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry to teach our children the word of God, please mark your connection card or contact Lisa Johnson at church@christcentralpca.org.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is in need of a few more volunteers. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry to our youngest congregants? Spending time with our "littles" is indeed a blessing! If you would like to serve in this ministry, please mark your Connection Card or contact Lisa Johnson to be added to the next schedule beginning in June. ***Note: A background screening is required for all volunteers desiring to serve in the nursery or among children and youth.***

High School Elevate Camp — June 11-16

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 — \$320

Campus Maintenance

Thank you to all who attended our workday on May 15. We are slowly but surely coming along in our efforts to spruce up our campus. Can you donate your time, materials, money, or other gifts to help us tackle this list below? Please pray how you can be part of some of the upcoming projects we are planning:

- Repaint parking lot stripes and repair curbs
- Paint lobby and interior hallways (more info to follow)
- Repair the fence by our neighbor's house
- Finish repairing the backboards on the basketball court
- Expand irrigation system

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 23 – May 29

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
Final Kid Builders and MS/HS Large Group Meeting before summer break, 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: 92

Last Sunday's Offering: \$12,988.54

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: Kaela Dalton

May 30: Kelly Fernandez

June 5: Shannon Pothoven

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays