

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 Protocol Update

At the May Session meeting, your elders decided to eliminate the facemask requirement. 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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

July 18, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

In the Garden

Arr. Hayes

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 145:1-5

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

All: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

****Hymn**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn #103

****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

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is My throne and the earth is the footstool for My feet. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? ²For My hand made all these things, so all these things came into being," declares the Lord. "But I will look to this one, at one who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at My word. ³"But the one who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a person; The one who sacrifices a lamb is like one who breaks a dog's neck; one who offers a grain offering is like one who offers pig's blood; one who burns incense is like one who blesses an idol. As they have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations, ⁴so I will choose their punishments and bring on them what they dread. Because I called, but no one answered; I spoke, but they did not listen. Instead, they did evil in My sight and chose that in which I did not delight." ⁵Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at His word: "Your brothers who hate you, who exclude you on account of My name, have said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, so that we may see your joy.' But they will be put to shame.

Isaiah 66:1-5 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

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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

The Presentation of New Members

Andrew and Thatiara Konapelsky

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Noah Andrew Konapelsky

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹¹ Therefore let's make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following the same example of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.

Hebrews 4:11-13 NASB

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

⁹ Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and began praying this in regard to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**The Offertory Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

(Continued...)

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Hosanna to the King of Kings
By Beall

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**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Hymn #498

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming new church members, Andrew and Thatiara Konapelsky. Andrew is originally from Miami and Thatiara is originally from Brazil. They met in St. Petersburg about 5 years ago and have been married for 3 years. They welcomed their first son, Noah Andrew, in June of this year. Andrew works for a state University in Lakeland and Thatiara was an attorney in Brazil and is now studying to be a paralegal. They look forward to becoming members of Christ Central.

Name Tags for Christ Central

As we continue to move forward from the pandemic, we realize there are many old and new faces among our Christ Central family. To help with getting to know one another, we have provided name tags for most of our members. These name tags can be found at the Welcome Desk. If a tag was not provided for you or your child and you would like a name tag, please add your name in **legible print** to the sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk. A basket will also be provided for those who would like to leave their name tags at church to be ready for the next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at church@christcentralpca.org.

New Landscaping Coming Soon

Do you have a green thumb and don't mind hard work? We are pleased to announce that we are overhauling the landscaping on the south side of the church for a more enjoyable view for all of us as we arrive each Sunday morning. We will be gutting the existing landscaping on July 17 in preparation for planting the first phase of our new landscaping for the following weekend. If you can volunteer some time to help us either Friday, July 23 or Saturday, July 24, please contact Bryan Toenes or Holly Edwards. We need help shoveling topsoil, shoveling and distributing mulch, and planting new plants. We plan to start early each day before it gets too hot. If you can help with these tasks, we would love to hear from you.

Prayer Meeting

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, July 25 at 5:30 pm** as we will gather again as a church body to pray for our Lord's blessing on this church. Our elders will lead us through an hour of corporate prayer together. We encourage all to come - both young and old - as we eagerly await the great things God will do through this church body.

ESL Ministry Update

After a long hiatus, we are excited to begin preparations to resume our English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry. We need volunteers to help with teaching, registration, refreshments, childcare, placement interviews, and advertisement. Please join us for a brief information meeting on **Sunday, August 1 at 12:15** in room 15. We will be discussing what each role involves, answer questions and have sign-up sheets available. We will have training as needed later in the month.

Important ESL Ministry dates:

- August 1 - Informational meeting and sign-up - 12:15pm, room 15
- August 22 - Training for teachers, registration, interviews, etc. - 5:30pm, room 15
- Sept 23 - Tentative start date (meeting day is still in review) - 7:00-8:45pm

For more information, contact Brian Waugh at (813) 215-0130 or bwaugh1964@gmail.com.

Choir Announcement

Calling all past, present, and potential choir members, our choir is returning in the fall! Rehearsals start Wednesday, July 28th at 7:30-8:30 pm. Choir will be a regular part of worship beginning August 15. Come join us in making music for God's glory. Contact Craig MacDougal at cmacdougal@christcentralpca.org for more information.

This Week at Christ Central
July 18 – July 24

SUNDAY:

Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5 Grades	Diane Keen	5
Ages 6-10 / 1 st - 5 th Grades	Tami Lang	8
Middle School /High School 6 th -12 th Grade	Brian Waugh	Rio Center
Adult - Recurrent Heresies - Rinse, Recycle, & Repeat	Blake Williams	13
Adult - Survey of the New Testament	Bryan Toenes	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 119

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,602.51

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

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Carol Moberg	The Strickland Family
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bill Bergen Bob Williams	Steve Strickland Luis Salgado

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Diane Keen</i>
<i>July 25:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>
<i>Aug. 1:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays