

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 25, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Arr. Varner

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 33:1-5

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

All: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

****Hymn**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hymn #165

****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

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

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³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 18:22-33 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

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:3-5

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7 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

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:1-13 ESV

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

**The Offertory Hymn

More about Jesus Would I Know
Hymn #538

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Hymn #571

**Benediction

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Prayer Meeting

Please join us **TONIGHT 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.

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.

Choir Announcement

Calling all past, present, and potential choir members, our choir is returning in the fall! Rehearsals start this 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.

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.

This Week at Christ Central
July 25 – August 1

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

WEDNESDAY: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Room 9

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: 102
Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,116.73

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>Aug. 1:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>
<i>Aug. 8:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays