

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

August 22, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Berry

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 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

People: **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy.

People: **The King is mighty, he loves justice – you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy.

****Hymn**

God of Our Fathers

Hymn #710

****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

"But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!
² Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. ³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. ⁴ They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. ⁵ This one will say, 'I am the LORD's,' another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and name himself by the name of Israel."

Isaiah 44:1-5 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

“O God of grace, I bewail my cold, listless, heartless prayers; their poverty adds sin to sin. If my hope were in them I should be undone, But the worth of Jesus perfumes my feeble breathings, and wins their acceptance. Flood my soul with repentance that my heart may be broken for sin and unto sin. O my great high priest, pour down upon me streams of needful grace, bless me in all my undertakings, in every thought of my mind, every word of my lips, every step of my feet, every deed of my hands. O give sincerity to my desires, earnestness to my supplications, fervor to my love. AMEN”

—The Valley of Vision

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is on Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

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²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

2 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 1:9-2:5 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

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

John 14:15-21 ESV

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

**The Offertory Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

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So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Join in the Song
By Pethel

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

Colossians 1:9-2:5

Rev. Aldo Mondin
RUF at USF

****Hymn**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Hymn #708

****Benediction**

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Welcome Guest Pastor

Today, we welcome new RUF minister at University of South Florida, Aldo Mondin to the pulpit. Aldo graduated from the University of North Florida in 2015 and attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Abby, were involved in RUF in college and have loved it ever since. They have one son: Winston, who always fills their home with laughter. Aldo enjoys reading, cycling, and watching his beloved soccer team: Liverpool FC. Aldo joined RUF in 2019 and is excited to be the campus minister at USF!

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. We will have training as needed later in the month.

Important ESL Ministry dates:

- TONIGHT - 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.

Prayer Meeting

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 29 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.

This Week at Christ Central

August 22– August 28

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
ESL Training, 5:30 pm, Room 15

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: 80

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,460.86

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>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	The Strickland Family	Larry and Judy Smith
<u>Ushers:</u>	Steve Strickland Luis Salgado	Brian Waugh Larry Smith

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>
<i>Aug. 29:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>
<i>Sept. 5:</i>	<i>Tara Pilecki and Randa Gravanti</i>

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays