

# *Welcome!*

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Our website [ChristCentralPCA.org](http://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](mailto: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 29, 2021 - 11:00 AM*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Prelude**

*Come Thou Almighty King*

*Arr. Nichols*

*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 40:9-10, 16*

Leader: I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.

People: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.

All: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!"

### **\*\*Hymn**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn #604

### **\*\*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**

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. <sup>21</sup>Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. <sup>22</sup>When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. <sup>23</sup>For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, <sup>24</sup>to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. <sup>25</sup>Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes; <sup>26</sup>for the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread, but a married woman hunts down a precious life. <sup>27</sup>Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? <sup>28</sup>Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? <sup>29</sup>So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished.

Proverbs 6:20-29 ESV

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

*“Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find thy mind in thy Word, of neglect to seek thee in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, But I bless thee that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ: Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration everything contrary to thy rule. Deliver me from every evil habit from everything that dims the brightness of thy grace in me, from everything that prevents me taking delight in thee. Then I shall bless thee, God of Jeshurun, for helping me to be upright. AMEN” (note: Jeshurun is a poetic variant of Israel and means “the upright one”)*

—The Valley of Vision, p. 77

## Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ESV

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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

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:28-34 ESV

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People: Thanks be to God

## \*\*The Offertory Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers!  
Hymn #570

## \*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

### The Offertory

*Behold The Lamb*  
*Getty/Townend*

## 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

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

*Mr. Nicholas Betancourt*

## \*\*Hymn

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

Hymn #600

## \*\*Benediction

## Postlude

*\*\*All who are able, please stand*

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

## *Announcements*

### **Welcome Guest Preacher**

We welcome Nicholas Betancourt to the pulpit today! Nick has been a ruling elder at Christ Community Presbyterian Church (PCA) since 2016. He graduated from the University of Central Florida, and is currently working on a Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Oviedo. He and his wife, Catalina, have six beautiful children and reside in Odessa. In his spare time, Nick enjoys playing music and power lifting. Most of all, he has a deep passion to see believers come to full maturity in Christ.

### **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:

- 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](mailto:bwaugh1964@gmail.com).

### **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.

### *This Week at Christ Central*

*August 29– September 4*

**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 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Tami Lang	8
Middle School /High School 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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: 78  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$12,384.39

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

### *Nursery Volunteers*

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>
<i>Sept. 5:</i>	<i>Tara Pilecki and Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Sept. 12:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland, Lisa Johnson, Tami Lang</i>

### *Fellowship Snacks*

<b>September 5:</b> <i>Randa Gravanti Judy Smith</i>	<b>September 12:</b> <i>Laura Strickland Lisa Johnson</i>	<b>September 19:</b> <i>Donna Waugh Cathy Armstrong</i>
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## *August Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### *Birthdays*