

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

September 12, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

There Is a Balm

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 149:1-4

Leader: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

People: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

All: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

****Hymn**

O Worship the King

Hymn #2

****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

O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. ³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You. ⁴ So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. ⁵ My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. ⁶ When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches, ⁷ For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me. ⁹ But those who seek my life to destroy it, will go into the depths of the earth. ¹⁰ They will be delivered over to the power of the sword; they will be a prey for foxes. ¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.

Psalm 63 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

“O God of all goodness, what shall we render to thee for the gift of gifts, thine own dear Son, our redeemer, proxy, surety, and substitute? Herein is love: he came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like him. Herein is wisdom: when I was undone, with no will to return to him, he came, God-incarnate, to save me from my sin, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out perfect righteousness for me. O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore and serve, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN

—The Valley of Vision, p. 16

Assurance of Pardon

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:10-14 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

³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who was also seated at the Lord's feet, and was listening to His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do the serving by myself? Then tell her to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary; for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42 NASB

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

**The Offertory Hymn

Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Hymn #467

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
By Boswell, Bleecker, Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

(Continued...)

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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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

**Hymn

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Hymn #605

**Benediction

Postlude

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Attention High School and Middle School students

We will be continuing Sunday evening group meetings starting TONIGHT at 5:30 pm. This semester we will be going through a video series by Ray Vander Laan entitled, "A Clash of Kingdoms" (part of the "That the World May Know" series). Come join your youth leaders, Chris Pilecki and Steve and Tami Pothoven for pizza and games at our kickoff party! We are really excited about this new year, see you there!

Fall Women's Bible Studies Begin Tuesday, September 21st

Our 12-week study will use the "Knowing the Bible" workbook on Proverbs by Lydia Brownback to examine the foundation of wisdom, mark out the paths that make us wise, and point us to the ultimate source of all true understanding: Jesus Christ.

The study will be offered on Tuesdays as follows:

Morning In-Person: 9:50-11:30 a.m. at Christ Central Presbyterian Church

Evenings Virtual: 7:30-9:00 pm via Google Meet

Please call or text Kelly Fernandez at (813) 420-8662 to order a workbook.

For those interested in the evening study, please email womensministry@christcentralpca.org to receive the meeting link.

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:

- October 3 - 7:00-8:45pm ESL begins

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

This Week at Christ Central
September 12 – September 18

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	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - I & II Thessalonians	Bryan Toenes	13
Adult - Sermon on the Mount	Steve Strickland & Steve Pothoven	15

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 94
 Last Sunday's Offering: \$ TBD

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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Larry and Judy Smith	Bryan Toenes
<u>Ushers:</u>	Brian Waugh Larry Smith	Bryan Toenes Scott Hickerson

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland, Lisa Johnson, Tami Lang</i>
<i>Sept. 19:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong and Tara Pilecki</i>
<i>Sept. 26:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven, Jane Lambers, Lisa Johnson</i>

Fellow

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September 19: <i>Donna Waugh Cathy Armstrong</i>	September 26: <i>Joyce Yabczanka Glenda Williams</i>	October 3: <i>Tami Pothoven Stephanie Williams</i>
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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays