

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.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

December 12, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Arr. Tucker

Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Silent Reflection

Advent means “**coming.**” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ. The lighting of the candles calls us to worship and sets this time apart as holy.

Of the five candles, **three candles are blue, one is rose, and one is white.** The blue candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. Blue also represents the attitude of humility and repentance with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

The First Candle is the **prophecy candle.** It reminds us that Christ’s coming was revealed by God through the prophets of years before Christ was born.

The Second Candle is the **Bethlehem candle,** which points to the Christ becoming man in Bethlehem.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Stan and Judy Wildeboer

The Third Candle is the **shepherd's candle**. We must recognize that we, like the shepherds, must come to Christ, believe in Him, and tell this good news to others.

~~~~

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:8-11*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard On High  
Hymn #214

## **\*\*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 First Scripture Lesson**

<sup>12</sup> Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people."

*(Continued...)*

<sup>14</sup> And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" <sup>17</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." <sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" <sup>19</sup> And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." <sup>20</sup> But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" <sup>21</sup> Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; <sup>22</sup> and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Exodus 33:12-23 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## The Confession of Our Sins

*"Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

— A prayer attributed to St. Francis

## Assurance of Pardon

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

## Special Music

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Arr. Tucker*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, <sup>2</sup>but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup>in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

... <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-4, 14 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## **\*\*The Offertory Hymn**

*Christmas Medley*

*(O Come, Let Us Adore Him and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)*

*Arr. Schrader*

*© 1999 Hope Publishing Co*

### **CHOIR SINGS ALONE**

We'll give him all the glory.

We'll give him all the glory.

We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

### **CONGREGATION JOINS CHOIR**

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

### **CHOIR SINGS VERSE 2 ALONE**

Christ, by highest heaven adored. Christ the everlasting Lord.

Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

### **CONGREGATION JOINS CHOIR**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of  
Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.

Born to raise the sons of earth. Born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## **\*\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

## The Offertory

*Silent Night*

*Arr. Tucker*

## 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

*John K. Keen*

*Senior Pastor*

## \*\*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #196

(v. 1-2)

## \*\*The Great Thanksgiving *(Remain Standing)*

*The Sursum Corda*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor:** It is very good, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; eve more praising thee, and saying,

**Pastor and People:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

# The Words of Institution & The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Wine is served in the outer most ring of the tray; Grape juice in the inner rings.*

*- Each row will be dismissed by one of our deacons in order to come forward to receive the elements.*

*- Please return to your seat with the bread and cup, as we will all partake together.*

## **\*\*Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Hymn #196  
(v. 3-4)

## **\*\*Benediction**

## **\*\*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.*

## **Postlude**

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

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

## *Announcements*

### Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be today **immediately after the morning worship service**. The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2022 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

### Christmas Eve Worship Service

Please join us at **6:30 pm** on **Friday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

### Program Note Reminder

Just a reminder that CCPC will not have Sunday School on December 26 or January 2 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. Morning worship will begin at its regular 11:00 am scheduled time.

### End of Year Contributions

This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for 2021-tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2021. Also, if you are looking for alternative ways in giving, [pcafoundation.org](http://pcafoundation.org) is a resource that may interest you. For more information, please contact Tara Pilecki.

*This Week at Christ Central*  
*December 12 – December 18*

**SUNDAY:** 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                                               | Lisa Johnson                        | 5          |
| Ages 6-10 / 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades                  | Tami Lang                           | 8          |
| Middle School /High School<br>6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Matthew Pearson<br>&<br>Brian Waugh | Rio Center |
| Adult - PCA Study on Human Sexuality                                  | Randy Johnson                       | 13         |
| Adult - The Belgic Confession                                         | Ben Lambers                         | 15         |

### **CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 108

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 11,566.19

*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>December</u>                 | <u>January</u>               |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Greeters:</u> | The Armstrong Family            | Randy & Lisa Johnson         |
| <u>Ushers:</u>   | Servy Fernandez<br>Olanzo James | Randy Johnson<br>Bill Bergen |

### *Nursery Volunteers*

|                 |                                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>   | <i>Tara Pilecki and Shannon Pothoven</i> |
| <i>Dec. 19:</i> | <i>Diane Keen and Loretta Salgado</i>    |
| <i>Dec. 26:</i> | <i>Lisa Johnson</i>                      |

### *Fellowship Snacks*

|                                                                     |                                                                         |                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 19:</b><br><i>Donna Waugh</i><br><i>Cathy Armstrong</i> | <b>December 26:</b><br><i>Joyce Yabczanka</i><br><i>Glenda Williams</i> | <b>January 2:</b><br><i>Tami Pothoven</i><br><i>Sherri Waugh</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|

## *December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### *Birthdays*