

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

March 27, 2022 - 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Arr. Lowell Mason

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 145:1-5

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever

People: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

All: **They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

****Hymn**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn #103

****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

¹⁵ The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy. ¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹ to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. ²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²³ "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

Chronicles 36:15-23 ESV

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Second Scripture Lesson

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Revelation 21:1-8 ESV

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

The Presentation of New Members

Nicholas and Catalina Betancourt, McKinzy Byrd, and David Green

The Third Scripture Lesson

⁷ On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, ⁸ “I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. ⁹ Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ ¹⁰ So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’ ¹¹ And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’ ¹² Then the angel of the LORD said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?’ ¹³ And the LORD answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. ¹⁴ So the angel who talked with me said to me, ‘Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion. ¹⁵ And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster. ¹⁶ Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. ¹⁷ Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.’”

Zechariah 1:7-17 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****The Offertory Hymn**

He Will Hold Me Fast

By Habershon/Merker

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When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

(Continued...)

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

****Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

The Offertory

Be Not Afraid

By Courtney

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Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting.
My love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

You are precious in my sight.

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

Mr. Nicholas Betancourt

****Hymn**

Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

Hymn #264

(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; ever 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**

Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross
Hymn #264
(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

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members, Nick and Catalina Betancourt, McKinzy Byrd, and David Green to Christ Central!

Nick and Catalina Betancourt met while recovering from drug addiction and have been married for 9 years. They are native Floridians and currently reside in Odessa. They have six beautiful children—Levi (8) Asher (6) Selene (4) Gracie (4) Sammy (3) and Elijah (1). Nick is our newest staff member and he is serving as Director of Youth and Family Ministries at CCPC. Nick has been a ruling elder in the 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.

McKinzy Byrd was born and (halfway) raised in Laurel, Mississippi, and moved to Tampa when she was 12. McKinzy immediately started attending Westtown Presbyterian Church after her family moved, and was actively present in everything church related for 8 years. Before transferring membership to Christ Central, McKinzy was very involved in youth ministry at Westtown. She volunteered at middle school youth groups, camps, and other events for at least 4 years while being involved in various small groups with people of many different walks of life. For the past year and a half, McKinzy has been building a microblading business (eyebrow tattoos) through Mystic Hair Salon. She enjoys artistic activities, and is happy to get to pursue art in both her career and volunteering with youth. McKinzy also enjoys any outdoor activities, especially fishing, hammocking, and kayaking. McKinzy is looking forward to growing more in knowledge and wisdom, and using the gifts God has given her to further glorify Him at Christ Central.

David Green was born and raised in Tampa. David is a senior at the University of South Florida and is majoring in Communications. He plans on attending graduate school to become a counselor. David started attending Christ Central last May and grew up at Idlewild Baptist Church.

Meet the Davila's

Adults and youth students plan to join us during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, **April 3** to meet Rodney and Jana DaVila. Christ Central has had the privilege to support the Davila's and their work with ICRICEN (the local church in San Jose) for many years. As many of you know, our church has sent several groups on service projects to Costa Rica, and the DaVila's were the missionaries that coordinated our visits and activities. The Davila's are here in the states for a year before they begin a new phase in their service with Missions To the World. Come hear what the Lord has been doing and what He has in store for them next!

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Please join us at **5:30 pm Sunday, April 10** for our next congregational prayer meeting as we come before the throne of grace as a church body seeking God's blessings on our congregation and thanking Him for the many blessings he continues to pour out upon us.

Good Friday Service

Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service where we reflect on the ministry and ultimate sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This "Service of Darkness" will be held on **Good Friday, April 15 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

This Week at Christ Central

March 27 – April 2

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
HS/MS Large Group Meeting, Rio Center, 5:30 pm
College/Career Bible Study, Keen Home, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Women's Bible Study, 10:00 am, Room 15
- WEDNESDAY** Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Room 9
- THURSDAY:** ESL, 7:00 pm

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	Nick Betancourt & Randy Johnson	Rio Center
Adult - Ecclesiastes	Steve Strickland	15
Adult - Church History: The Last 500 Years	Bryan Toenes	Fellowship Hall

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: TBD
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

March

April

Greeters:

The Waugh Family

Gregg & Sally
Quick

Ushers:

Brian Waugh
Scott Hickerson

Gregg Quick

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Tami Pothoven, Raquel Fernandez

Apr. 3: Jane Lambers, Tami Lang

Apr. 10: Donna Waugh

Fellowship Snacks

April 3:

*Tami Pothoven
Sherri Waugh*

April 10:

*Judy Dostal
Jane Lambers*

April 17:

EASTER

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays