

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

April 24, 2022 - 11:00 AM

Second Sunday of Sunday

Prelude

Bring Back the Springtime

By Kaiser

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)*

Psalms 108:1-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

People: Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

****Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #295

****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

¹⁰ Woe is me, my mother, that you bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me. ¹¹ The LORD said, "Have I not set you free for their good? Have I not pleaded for you before the enemy in the time of trouble and in the time of distress? ¹² Can one break iron, iron from the north, and bronze? ¹³ "Your wealth and your treasures I will give as spoil, without price, for all your sins, throughout all your territory. ¹⁴ I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for in my anger a fire is kindled that shall burn forever." ¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

Jeremiah 15:10-15 ESV

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

"Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that makes it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God forevermore, Amen."

— Paul E. Engle, *Baker's Worship Handbook, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998*

Assurance of Pardon

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

The Second Scripture Lesson

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:27-30 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 Choral Response

The Third Scripture Lesson

²³ Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." ²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." ²⁵ And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶ And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." ²⁷ Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained. ²⁸ Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." ²⁹ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. ³⁰ And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. ³¹ Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Judges 16:23-31 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.

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

Praise Medley

By Nichols

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn #598

**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

Allegro Maestoso

By Handel

***All who are able, please stand*

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

Announcements

Memorial Service for Tom Cawley

There will be a memorial service for long-time church member Tom Cawley this afternoon at 2:00 pm in the CCPC sanctuary. Please pray for the entire Cawley family as they continue to adjust to life without this beloved son, husband, father, uncle and friend.

College and Career Study Rescheduled

The College and Career Bible Study Fellowship is cancelled for this afternoon. The study will resume next Sunday, May 1 at 5:30 pm at the Keen's house.

Christ Satisfies Ministries

The Rev. Jimbo Mullen and his family will be with us next Sunday, May 1st during the morning worship service and a covered dish luncheon afterwards. Jimbo started and continues to lead Christ Satisfies Ministries in the College Hill area of Tampa. Jimbo is a member of the Southwest Florida Presbytery of the PCA and he is doing a wonderful job evangelizing and discipling for Christ in some of the most needy areas of Tampa. Please plan to join us for this special time with the Mullen's next Sunday. Please notify Lisa Johnson (via the connection card or her email: church@christcentralpca.org) if you would like to participate in the covered dish luncheon.

Upcoming Work Day

No, we haven't forgotten! We had to press pause for a few other urgent matters, but we are finally ready to finish the landscape remodeling project along the south side of our building. Make plans to come out and help us finish this project on Saturday, May 14. We will provide details on the times in the coming weeks.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Please join us at 5:30 pm Sunday, May 15 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.

This Week at Christ Central
April 24 – April 30

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
MS/HS Large Group Meeting, 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

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 156
Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,914.56

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

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

Volunteers

Greeters / Ushers

April

May

Greeters:

Gregg & Sally Quick

TBD

Ushers:

Gregg Quick

Bryan Toenes

Darby White

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Laura Strickland

May 1: Ginny Bremer

May 8: Tara Pilecki

Fellowship Snacks

May 1:

Lisa Johnson

Gail Chang

May 8:

Loretta Salgado

Carol Moberg

May 15:

Sheila Colbert

Beverly Thomson

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays