HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

· August 20, 2023 · 5:00 p.m. · Church ·
WORSHIP GROW LOVE

All things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Worship, Grow, Love. These are the three pillars of our life as a church community. Everything we do is supported by a combination of these three parts of our common life. Over the next three Sundays through a series of Ministry Fairs in Westbury Hall we invite you to meet the people who are leading and serving in ministry at Christ Church, and learn how to get involved. Each week we will focus on one of the three pillars: WORSHIP, GROW, LOVE.

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Our wide variety of worship experiences meet people where they are and invite them into deeper love and relationship with God and one another.

Many hands are involved on Sunday and throughout the week, to allow us to worship indoors, outdoors, and online. WORSHIP ministry service opportunities will be highlighted on Sunday, August 13.

GROW AT CHRIST CHURCH

Our individual faith is formed, and our community strengthened as we grow through increased participation in small groups, and in fellowship as a church family.

We thrive and grow as a community of faith in a robust “Sunday School” faith formation program for all ages. Adult, youth, and children’s formation, a myriad of opportunities for fellowship and hospitality, special events, welcoming newcomers, and celebrating the arts, all of these will be featured on August 20 as we delve into what it means to GROW at Christ Church.

LOVE AT CHRIST CHURCH

We share God’s love with one another, our community, and the world, through faithful giving and service.

On Sunday, August 27 we will look at the ways we share God’s LOVE through the pastoral care and community outreach ministries of Christ Church. Learn the many ways we help our parishioners in times of need, and how we are connecting with our community outreach partners to find and engage in community service opportunities.
Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach! We are delighted to have you worship with us. In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!

THE WORD OF GOD

Silence for Prayer

This contemplative service is preceded by a period of silence at 4:50 p.m.

Prelude

Jesus, Lord to Me
Arr. Mark Hayes

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Sentences

Reader
We weave a silence on to our lips
We weave a silence into our minds
We weave a silence within our hearts
We close our ears to distractions
We close our eyes to attractions
We close our hearts to temptations
Calm us, O Lord, as you stilled the storm
Still us, O Lord, keep us from harm
Let all the tumult within us cease

People
Enfold us Lord in your peace.
First Hymn

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

1. Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain: restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.
2. Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away; forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.
3. Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin; forget the memories of guilt and bring me peace within.
4. Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease and heaven’s serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

We seek the grace of healing, O God. At the heart of the brokenness around us and in the hidden depths of our own souls we seek your touch of healing, O God, for there you reside. In the hidden depths of life, O God, there you reside. Amen.
Please be seated.

The Gospel

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 15:10-28

People Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.
Reflection

The Reverend Laura Magevney

A reflection is essentially based on a personal experience and is a great way to share what God is doing in our lives. When we listen to what God is doing in our brothers' and sisters' lives, we are likely to grow in greater awareness of how God works in our own lives.

One minute of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

Devotion

Jim Brickman

You may stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Lector Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.
Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Candlelighting

We continue our prayers through the lighting of the votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others. During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers. Candles are located at the front of the main aisle to the left and right.

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant Angels said it to frightened shepherds, Jesus said it to dismayed disciples. And now these words which come from heaven are given to reconcile us to God and to each other: ‘Peace be with you’.

People And also with you.

Let us share this peace with each other.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

To make an offering online visit ccpvb.org/give. Thank you for your support.

Offertory Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord is with us.

People God’s Spirit is here.
Celebrant continues

Look with kindness, O God, on your people gathered here before you. Send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the Body and Blood of your beloved Son, Jesus, the Christ, in whom we have become your own.

Loving God, you are always thinking about your people. You never forget us. You sent your Son, Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to forgive us and taught us to forgive each other.

On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All together

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Celebrant continues

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, send us the Spirit of the Lamb. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

One minute of silence follows.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world, do not bestow peace, do not bestow peace.
Celebrant continues

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God’s table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

The Servant Song

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav’lers on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow, ’till we’ve seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, Born of all we’ve known together, of Christ’s love and agony.

6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

A brief moment of silence follows.
After Communion Music  *In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful*

After Communion Prayer

**Celebrant**  
Let us pray.

**All**  
Loving God, we give you thanks that in the sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood, you awaken us to your indwelling Presence and our true life. Help us to recognize and honor your Presence in one another, to treat each other with reverence and humility, and to become, more and more, the people we already are in you. Amen.
The Blessing

Celebrant  The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always.

Amen.

Music for Meditation  I Will Pray  James Michael Stevens

Please stand.

Dismissal

Reader  Go in the love of the Maker: who gives us life and calls us by name.
Go in the love of the Son: who walks with us.
Go in the love of the Spirit: who feeds us and leads us home.
Go in peace.

All  Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude  Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  Arr. Mark Hayes

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Jerald Jay, Piano  Rachel Kamps, Soloist
Christ Church serves the parish and our community throughout the week in addition to our Sunday services. These are a few of the upcoming and ongoing events you are invited and encouraged to check out, come and see what’s happening on our Ponte Vedra campus and throughout the world. Sunday Service Schedule and bulletins are available at ccpvb.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Grow Love Ministry Fairs
August 13-20-27
Westbury Hall Dining Room
TODAY: “GROW” FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRIES
Opportunities for service in ministries of the church will be highlighted during three consecutive weeks. Today learn how we welcome everyone into our community of faith as we grow through faith formation for all ages, fellowship, study, the arts and much more! Stop by the tables, meet the ministry teams, learn more and make connections.

THIS WEEK

Cursillo Men Fourth Day
Mondays 5 p.m., Room F 202
This group is open to all men who attended a Cursillo Weekend. For those interested in attending or grouping at other days and times advise us at cursilloccpvb@gmail.com.

Vestry Meeting
Aug 22, 5:15 p.m. Room F 204
Monthly meeting of the Christ Church Vestry, open to all. For more information contact Vestry Jr. Warden Brian Mickley, brianmickley@comcast.net.

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Wednesday 5:30 p.m., The Cooper Chapel
A quiet and reflective Eucharistic service with candle lighting.

Join the Choir
Adults and high school students are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir in the 11:15 a.m. traditional service each Sunday. Men’s and women’s ensembles sing for both 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. services once a month. And please let us know if you’d like to join the Handbell Choir! If you are interested or have questions please contact Dr. Rachel Root, rroot@ccpvb.org.

Choir Rehearsals
Wednesdays, in the Choir Room, Formation + Arts Building.
Women’s Ensemble, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Men’s Ensemble, 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Contact Dr. Rachel Root for more information: rroot@ccpvb.org.

Men’s Bible Study
Fridays 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Westbury Hall Dining Room or on Zoom
Men of all ages are welcome. Come as you are, leave transformed.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off
Aug 23, 2023
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Youth House
All rising 6th-12th grade students and their families are invited to join us for dinner to kick-off another exciting year of youth programs at the Youth House! Please RSVP to Brooks Slater (bslater@ccpvb.org) if you plan on attending by August 18.

Children’s Choir Kick-off
Wednesday, August 23
5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
All 4 year olds through 5th grade students are invited to join our children’s choir. We meet every Wednesday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please note the time change. Our first rehearsal will be an ice cream party. For more information, please contact wendy.waller@comcast.net or sbennie@ccpvb.org

Wednesday Youth Programs Return
Wednesday, August 30
3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Homework and Hangs, Low Tide, and High Tide are back starting August 30 at the Youth House! These spaces for youth are open to all 6-12th grade students and are designed to build new friendships, deepen our connection to Christ, and help us to see how God is present in our lives and communities. All are welcome! Volunteers are needed to help support youth staff during these meetings, please reach out to Brooks Slater (bslater@ccpvb.org) if you are interested.

Women in the Word Bible Study
Resumes Wednesday, September 6
7:00 p.m., Westbury Hall 2nd floor, Conference Room
Studying the first eighteen chapters of Exodus, guided by Jen Wilkin’s GOD OF DELIVERANCE. Study guides with video access will be available for purchase at the first several meetings. Please reach out to Mary Ann Reynolds (mahrey51@aol.com), Kay Verble (kspvb@gmail.com), or Jane Wallace (Wilsonssidekick@gmail.com) to reserve a copy.

Lighthouse Youth and Parent Communities
Thursday, September 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
These two nonreligious gatherings are open to LGBTQIA+ middle and high school students and their families in Jacksonville and the Beaches area, including people of all faiths and no faith. For more information, to RSVP for the first time, or to inquire about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Catherine Montgomery at thelighthouseflorida@gmail.com.

Third-Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, September 10
9:00 Traditional
Christ Church is pleased to present personalized, leather-bound NRSV Bibles to our third graders again this year! This gift is intended to become a lifelong treasure - God’s word to guide our children both inside and outside the walls of our church, as well as a tangible symbol of our community’s investment in their faith formation. To be included in the bible presentation, there’s an online form which must be completed no later than August 20. Contact the Rev. Laura Magevney, Limagevney@ccpvb.org for details.
**Children’s Formation Classes Begin**

Sunday, September 10
10:15 - 11:00, Second Floor of F+A Building

Children’s faith formation classes for age 3 through 5th grade begin Sept 10. Check-in begins at 10:00 in the second floor lobby of the Formation + Arts Building. There are three Godly Play classes for age 3-4 (room 221), age 5 - Kindergarten (room 220), and grades 1-2 (room 220). Grades 3-5 meet in room 224 for Feasting on the Word. New families are asked to complete a one-time registration at ccpvb.org. For more information, contact Rev. Laura Magevney at Lmagevney@ccpvb.org.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Community Oyster Roast + Cookout at Christ Church**

Friday, September 15
6-9 p.m. in the Courtyard & Westbury Hall

Tickets are available at ccpvb.org, during ministry fairs or at the front desk (cash or check) $30 per adult, $15 per child, $120 max for immediate family.

**Movie Night with Facing Racism**

Tuesday, September 26, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Parish Center Dining Room

_Emanuel_: A poignant documentary about the Charleston church massacre. Featuring intimate interviews with survivors and family, _Emanuel_ is a story of loss, love, faith, and the healing power of forgiveness. The film will be followed by small group discussion. The evening is suitable for adults and senior high youth.

A pizza dinner will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Registration opens soon. Questions: frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com.

**Cursillo Weekends**

+ Men’s Cursillo #146
  Thursday October 5 - Sunday October 8
+ Women’s Cursillo #146
  Thursday October 12 - Sunday October 15

Registration for Cursillo #146 is live through August 31 at the Camp Weed website. Financial assistance may be available. Contact Ron Kessner at 904.866.0096 or cursilloccpvb@gmail.com with any questions.

+ Welcoming Ultreya Saturday November 4

**Oct 4** St Francis Celebration in the courtyard

**Oct 5-7** Creative Academy Presents Aladdin Jr.
Tickets go on sale August 28

**Oct 25** Trunk or Treat

**Oct 28** Jacksonville Watercolor Society exhibit open house

**Reach Out**

Need help? Let us know what’s happening in your life. We are here for you.

**Come Serve with Us**

Let us know if you’d like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hands!

**Pass The Plate**

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Worship Services

7:30 a.m.  Church Sanctuary  Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.  Church Sanctuary  Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.  Cooper Chapel  Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.  Parish Center, 2nd floor  Jordan Service
9:00 a.m.  NSIA Community Center  Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m. Church Sanctuary  Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m. Parish Center, 2nd floor  Jordan Service
12:45 p.m. Parish Center, 2nd floor  Spanish-language Service
5:00 p.m.  Church Sanctuary  Contemplative Service
5:30 p.m. (Wed) Cooper Chapel  Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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