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**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## Disney Musical Frozen JR Coming to Christ Church - By Maggie FitzRoy



A popular Broadway musical is coming to Christ Church kid-friendly style this week when 29 talented youth present *Frozen JR.* Sept. 18-21 in the Contemporary Worship Space.

The Disney show, presented by The Creative Academy at Christ Church, will feature all the memorable songs from the animated film and Broadway musical versions of *Frozen*, and will star kids ages 11 through 16 from the church and community.

"This is the 24<sup>th</sup> show in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the music ministry," says Producer Barb Roberts, who founded the academy in 2011 with Music Ministries Director Rachel Root and her husband Tim. The academy traditionally presents two shows a year, one for kids in the fall and an adult-focused show in the spring.

Auditions were held Aug. 2, "and there were so many great, talented kids we had to double cast," Barb says.

The show tells the story of two sisters, Anna and Elsa, and how when faced with danger, they discover the powerful bond of sisterhood. The junior version is about an hour long, about half as long as the original. "The plot is the same, with shorter scenes and songs," says Director Morgan Williams, drama and musical theater teacher at Landrum Middle School. Many of her students are in the show, as well as former students who now attend Ponte Vedra High School.

Gabby Olitsky, 14, a freshman at PVHS, says she loved her drama classes at Landrum and was thrilled to be cast as Elsa for three of the five shows. Since her role was double cast, she will perform in the ensemble for the other two shows. "This is my first musical, my first show," she says. Auditioning was "scary" but she's glad she did it and is eager to take the stage.

Cate Collins, 16, a sophomore and musical theater major at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, will play Anna in the shows with Gabby, now her new "bestie." Cate has been performing on stage since she was in fourth grade, including once at Carnegie Hall. "Musical theater is my escape place from everyday worries. You can put a face on and not worry about your problems, just your character's problems," she says. "Theater is a great community, a loving community."



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tickets here!

*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

**Prelude**

*Organ Voluntary*

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 401**     *The God of Abraham Praise*

v. 1-3

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
We bow and bless the sacred Name, forever blest.

He, by himself, hath sworn: we on his oath depend;  
We shall, on eagles-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
We shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
On Zion's sacred height, his kingdom he maintains,  
And, glorious with his saints in light, forever reigns.

## Welcome Words

**Opening Sentences**

Page 323, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant*     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**     **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Glory

S 204, *The Hymnal*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
Good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Reading

*Lector*      A reading from the Book of Exodus

32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## The Gospel

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke      15:1-10

**People**      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Gospeler*            The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**                            *The Reverend Thomas Reeder*

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**                    Page 327, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*You may kneel.*

**The Prayers of the People**    Page 328, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Confession**                    Page 331, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please stand.*

**The Peace**                            Page 332, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**            And with thy spirit.

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem**    *There Is An Everlasting Kindness*  
Joseph & Stephanie Murray, *Soloists*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Lennox Getty,  
Stuart Townend, and Lloyd Larson

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us,  
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.  
You called the sheep without a shepherd, to leave their distress,  
For your streams of forgiveness, and the shade of your rest.  
  
And, with compassion for the hurting, you reached out your hand,  
As the lame ran to meet you, and the dead breathed again.  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow, and shared in our tears;  
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*Refrain:*

What boundless love, what fathomless grace you have shown us,  
O God of compassion, each day we live, an offering of praise,  
As we show, to the world, your compassion.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace  
To the fields of injustice, and the valleys of need.  
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries  
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ. *Refrain*

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us.

*Please stand for the Presentation.*

## The Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer I**

Page 333, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Sanctus**

S 114, *The Hymnal*



*You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**The Lord's Prayer**                      Page 336, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Breaking of the Bread**              Page 337, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

## **Distribution of Communion**

***Please join us at God's table.***

*All people 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.*

*Ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.*

## **Communion Music**

**Hymn 684**     *O For A Closer Walk With God*

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

Where is the blessedness I knew  
When I first saw the Lord?  
Where is that soul-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and His word?

O Fire of God, come burn in me  
Renew a holy passion  
Till Christ my deepest longing be  
My never-failing fountain  
My never-failing fountain

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,  
How sweet the memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill!

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me tear it from Thy throne,  
And worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Page 339, *The Book of Common Prayer*

### **The Blessing**

*Please stand.*

### **Recessional Hymn 448**

*O Love, How Deep*

v. 1, 3, 6

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
How passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form,  
For mortals' sake!

For us, he prayed; for us, he taught;  
For us, his daily works, he wrought:  
By words, and signs, and actions,  
Thus still seeking not himself, but us.

All glory to our Lord and God,  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity, whom we adore, forever and forevermore.

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People**      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

*Improvisation*

## **TODAY – Sunday, September 14**

A delicious **Sunday Breakfast** will be served in the dining room from 8:30am - 10:45am.  
\$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

**Nursery Care** - Available from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm, for children ages four months to five years old.

**Children's Chapel** -9:15 am - Hospitality Lobby

**Positive Parenting (200)** – Starts today!  
Room 204; 10:15 - 11:00 am  
Guided conversations around Christian parenting. Led by Dr. Amy Hardman and child therapist Vivian Bowlus, this class will focus on simple strategies to build a lifetime of adaptability and emotional resilience from Raising a Kid Who Can by Catherine McCarthy, MD, Heather Tedesco, PhD, and Jennifer Weaver, LCSW.  
Meeting Dates: Sept 14 – Oct 27  
Contact: Amy Schmitt at  
aschmitt@ccpvb.org

**Sacred Patterns: Why Anglican Worship Moves the Soul (100)**

10:15-11:00 am - Room 106 (All Sundays in September)

Join Rev. Andreis Diaz, Dr. Rachel Root, and Mr. Ian Bula for a thoughtful, engaging introduction to the rhythms, symbols, and theology of Anglican Episcopal worship. Discover how our worship shapes our faith, tells our story, and connects us to something greater.

**Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)**

10:15 – 11:00 am in F209

This multi-generational gathering is a place for Holy Conversation as we study the Bible together.

**Children's Formation – Fruits of the Spirit**

Age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15-11:00 am

Meet downstairs in the F&A Building!

**Youth Forum**

10:15-11:00 in the Youth House

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited; donuts will be provided!

## **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **Monday, September 15**

**Stitchers of Love** -10-12 Hospitality Lobby

Contact: Helen Tucker

at Tucker658@bellsouth.net

**Cursillo Mens' Fourth Day** - 5 pm in F202.

Contact: cursilloccpvb@gmail.com

**Painting and Crafting Group**

6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Hospitality Lobby

Contact: barnetttml615@gmail.com

### **Tuesday, September 16**

**Tai Chi** - 10:00-11:00 am in Room F 106, F+A Building. Contact: Daniel Jones at

djonesdragon@gmail.com

**Small Group Leader Training**

6:30pm - Room 224 F&A Bldg

This fall we're putting together small Discipleship groups where we have the chance to learn and grow together in community. We need leaders who will open their homes or meet with others at coffee shops, church campus or

other location. Curriculum and training is provided so join us to learn more and get started. Contact Beth Schneider at flbuckeyegirl1@gmail.com or Deacon Leila at leila@ccpvb.org.

### **Joyful Women Bible Study**

Studying the Scriptures, one book at a time. Facilitated by Bonnie Crook and Deacon Leila. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays; 7:00 pm on Zoom  
Contact: Bonnie Crook at BonnieCrook@@gmail.com

### **Wednesday, September 17**

#### **Clergy Bible Study (200)**

Dining Room and Zoom at 10:00 am  
An in-depth Bible study and place to build community; this fall we are studying the Revelation to John.  
Contact: Mother Laura at Limagevney@ccpvb.org

#### **Centering Prayer (100)**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - The Center for Spirituality. Contact: Deacon Leila at leila@ccpvb.org

#### **Contemplative Book Study (200)**

3:00-4:30 pm in Room 224  
Contact: Mary Anne Young at mayoung32082@gmail.com

#### **Wednesday Night Dinner – Asian Night**

Dining Room from 5:45- 7:00 p.m.  
\$10/adult, \$7/child under 8, \$34 family max

**Episcopal Youth Community – Youth House**  
Low Tide – 4:30-6 & High Tide – 7-8:30

**Children's Choir** from 5:15-6

Contact: smurray@ccpvb.org or wendy.waller@comcast.net

**Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 5:30 - Cooper Chapel

**Kids' Social Club** 6:30-7 in the Dining Room

#### **Women in the Word (200)**

Facilitated by Mary Ann Reynolds, Kay Verble & Jane Wallace, 7:00 pm - Conference Room.  
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#### **Wednesday Night Book Club (200)**

7:00 pm in Room F 204  
Contact: Mark Barrett at mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com

### **Thursday, September 18**

**Blessings in a Backpack** - 8:30 - Dining Hall

#### **Christ Centered Advanced Care Planning 6:30-8 in Room 204**

Christ-Centered Advance Care Planning is a gift that can mitigate some of the difficulties that can exist as we transition from this place to our eternal home by making prayerful choices in advance and communicating them to our loved ones. Contact Brian Mickley at brianmickley@comcast.net

#### **Opening Night for Frozen JR!**

7:00 pm – Contemporary Worship Space

#### **The Lighthouse Youth and Parent Community**

Youth and Parents - Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Youth House. This nonreligious gathering is open to LGBTQIA+ middle and high school students 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

## Friday, September 19

**Men's Bible Study (100)** & Breakfast at 7:00 am in the Dining Room. All men are welcome!

**Soulful MOMS (100)** from 9-10:45 in the Center for Spirituality

Contact: [tschwarz1015@gmail.com](mailto:tschwarz1015@gmail.com)

## **Frozen JR**

7 :00 pm – Contemporary Worship Space

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **September 18-21**

**Do you Want to Build a Snowman?** Frozen JR. takes the stage here at Christ Church! Tickets are available for purchase now!CC



## **Youth Beach Day**

**Sun, Sep 21, 2025 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited for beach games, snacks, gatorade, soda, fellowship and LOTS of fun! Attendance is free! Sign-up to let us know you are coming! For questions, please contact [pwheeler@ccpvb.org](mailto:pwheeler@ccpvb.org).

## **The Marriage Course (300)**

Beginning Thursday, September 25 at 6 for 7 weeks; Westbury Hall Dining Room. Dinner included. The Marriage Course runs over seven sessions. Each session begins with sharing dinner as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful talk by Father Tom and DeeAnn Reeder. The talks cover topics like strengthening communication, resolving conflict and love in action. In short? Your marriage. But better. **Registration is required.** Contact: Mother Laura at [Limagevney@ccpvb.org](mailto:Limagevney@ccpvb.org)

## **September 28 - Amistad Mission**

Please join us from 10:15-11:00am in Rooms 111-113, adjacent to Westbury Dining Hall, to learn more about this Christian ministry for abandoned children in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Amistad is an outreach program supported by Christ Church and US Exec. Dir. Chris King will be here with a presentation and updates on the lives being changed by this transformative ministry.

## **Cursillo Weekends**

Women's Cursillo Weekend: 10/2-10/5

Please contact the clergy for approval before registering. If you either do not have a sponsor or have questions contact Ron Kessner at [cursilloccpvb@gmail.com](mailto:cursilloccpvb@gmail.com).

## **DID YOU KNOW? An Evening Celebrating Contributions of People of Color**

Sponsored by TRUE: Transforming Racial Understanding & Engagement

*Contemporary Worship Space, Friday, October 3, 6:30-8:30 pm*

Are you aware of the tremendous societal contributions made by People of Color? Accomplishments achieved in spite of countless barriers? This event, emceed by Ken Amaro, former Jacksonville news anchor, features inspiring, personal stories by local professionals across a variety of disciplines: law, medicine, the arts, education, etc. The evening concludes with an audience Q&A. Register at [CCPVB.org](http://CCPVB.org).

## **Joyful Friends 75+ – October 7**

Dining Room from 11:30-1:00

Join your friends and fellow parishioners for lunch, fellowship, and a discussion on how to create a container garden. Sign up online or at

the front office; contact Lois Ann or Heather at [joyfulfriends@ccpvb.org](mailto:joyfulfriends@ccpvb.org) with questions.

### **Youth Fall Retreat**

Sat, Oct 11, 11:00 am - Sun, Oct 12, 11:00 am  
6th-12th graders are invited to the Fall Retreat at Camp Weed 2025! Registration is \$125 to cover the cost of lodging overnight, food, drinks, and our activities! Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday, as well as breakfast on Sunday. Our activities will include but are not limited to games at the ball field, a campfire at the Camp Cross, fishing, kayaking/canoeing, and a nature hike around the campgrounds! For questions, please contact [pwheeler@ccpvb.org](mailto:pwheeler@ccpvb.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Preschool has limited openings in the 3s and 4s programs for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact Head of School, Christy Maurer at [cmaurer@preschoolcec.org](mailto:cmaurer@preschoolcec.org).

**Did you know that Christ Church offers music lessons to both children and adults?** We have a talented team of teachers offering lessons in voice, piano, and more. Please contact Dr. Rachel Root at [rroot@ccpvb.org](mailto:rroot@ccpvb.org).

## **BEGINNING LATER THIS FALL**

### **First Fridays in Nature (100)**

Join Greg and Jennifer Andrew for intentional time in nature on the first Friday of each month starting Friday, October 3. Contact Greg for specific location and details at [gda021@yahoo.com](mailto:gda021@yahoo.com).

### **Clergy Forum (100)**

A multi-generational gathering for “holy conversation” about the readings of the day and our spiritual lives. Resumes October 5.

### **Faith Foundations (100)**

This class explores the foundations of our Christian faith and practice, designed for those new to Christ Church and for long-time parishioners who want to re-engage their faith and learn more about what it means to be Episcopalian. Room 106, F+A Bldg. This class runs from October 5<sup>th</sup> -Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible: How Archaeology & Historical Texts Can Help Us Interpret the Bible**

This year we will explore what ancient historical records and archaeological finds can tell us about ancient Israel, the people who lived there, and their understanding of God. Begins Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: [scottburch@yahoo.com](mailto:scottburch@yahoo.com)

## **QR CORNER**



**Make a joyful noise!** Learn more about joining a choir here.

Need prayer or assistance, or want to help those who do? Learn more about **Caring Connections** here:



There are many ways to serve here at Christ Church, and we need you! Check out current **service opportunities** here.



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