

Transforming lives together, through the love of God, in Christ.

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025 · 5:00 p.m. · Church ·



Dear Christ Church,

This giving season, we are stepping forward for 2026 with a theme that speaks straight to the heart: Love Heavenly – Live Faithfully – Give Together. These words are not just a campaign slogan; they are an invitation to participate in something bigger than yourself - something that reflects Christ's love in real and tangible ways.

In a world that often pulls us in a thousand directions, our parish remains a place where **generosity** spreads hope, where the **creativity of volunteers** transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary blessings, and where **everyone** - **yes**, *everyone* - has a part to play.

When you pledge, you're not just writing a number on a card. You are feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and reaching out to the person on the street corner who longs to know they matter. In your busy life your giving becomes a quiet but powerful act of courage - a reminder that Christ's work continues through your hands.

Generosity is for everyone. Whether your gift is large or small, what matters most is your participation.

If you have never pledged in the past, now would be a great time to start! For any church, including ours, it takes **everyone** doing their part. Join us!

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026, please know this: meaning and happiness grow within you when you help Christ make the world a better place.

Mike

Let's give together, live faithfully, and love heavenly - because together, we can do more than any of us could ever do alone.

With gratitude and love for all that we share!

Fr. Tomt

Participate in 2026 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

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 God in the midst, come close to us,

and help us come close to you, as, for a fraction of time,

we step back from the activities of the day.

People May we treasure such moments with you.

Reader Moments when we can bring to you the things we are doing,

and find new meaning for them, and new strength for doing them.

And moments for recalling how we are meeting you already,

in the stuff of daily living and engagement,

when faith is tested and compassion is translated into action.

Soif, as the day goes on, we forget you,

People Do not forget us, O God.

First Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? *Refrain* Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

As the day lengthens, O Christ, teach us to walk in your love. While we strive to be faithful in word and deed, teach us to love one another. While we live as part of your creation, teach us to love this good earth. While we offer our prayers this hour, with grateful hearts, teach us to trust in your love. **Amen**.

The Gospel

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

The Reverend Amy Slater

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

Grace

Joel Raney

You may stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Leader

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of God and the proclamation of the Gospel to all nations. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee, and the bishops assisting our dioceses, that we may be strengthened in our faith and mission.

People

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those serving our nation, and all those in positions of power, that we may use our liberty and resources in accordance with your gracious will.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the world, the work of your hands, so that everyone can live with justice and peace. We especially pray for those nations suffering the impact of war, and for those who lack food, shelter, and protection. Give us the courage and the will to always do what we can for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish family, that we may always be faithful witnesses of your love and serve you joyfully with all we are and all we have.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our local community, for our schools, and for our neighbors. Guide us in the work we do, that we may not do it for self alone, and remind us that you have linked our lives with one another—that all we do affects, for good or ill, all others' lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who have requested our prayers. God of all comfort,

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

We desired, that your healing grace and comfort be upon them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader

For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. And for those who mourn, that they may find comfort and peace.

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

To make an offering online visit ccpvb.org/give or scan this code.

Thank you for your support.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Offertory John Ness Beck

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

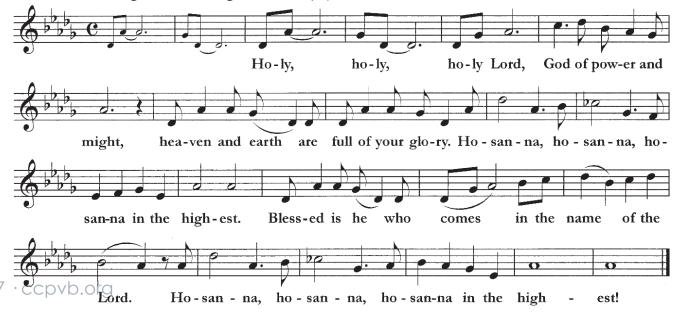
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need

to follow and the truth we need to know. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:



Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

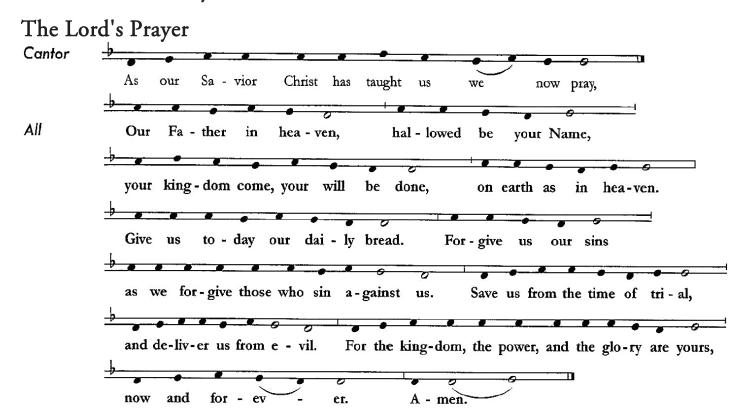
After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

All together

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen



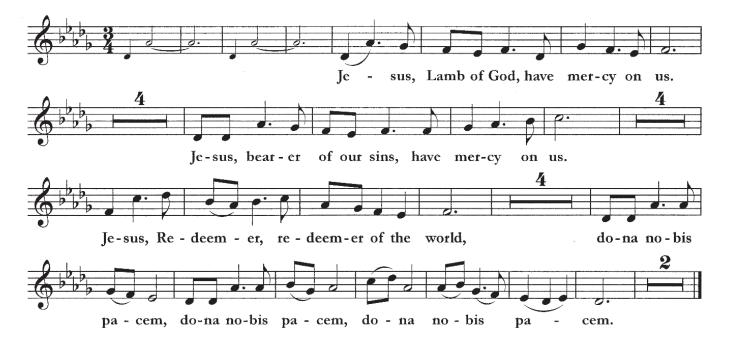
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven

and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Lamb of God



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.

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

In Remembrance of Me

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.
Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.
That this in my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me search for truth.

In remembrance of me always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music

Special Music

by Rachel Kamps

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 love of the Lord Jesus draws you tohimself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthens you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fills your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Music for Meditation

As the Deer

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Please stand.

Dismissal

Reader

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go. May God, who is with you whenyou sit and when you stand, encompass you with love and lead you by the hand. May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, beyour good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brethren, We Are Met to Worship

Arr. Mark Hayes

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Jerald Jay, Piano Rachel Kamps, Soloist

TODAY - Sunday, September 21

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 5 years old

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

Positive Parenting (200)

Room 204; 10:15 - 11:00 am Meeting Dates: Sept 14 – Oct 27 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. 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 – 5th grade from 10:15-11:00 am Meet downstairs in the F&A Building!

Youth Forum & Beach Day

10:15-11:00 in the Youth House All 6th-12th grade students are invited; donuts will be provided! Then, from 12:00-3:00 all youth are invited for beach games, snacks, gatorade, soda, fellowship and LOTS of fun! Attendance is free! Sign up here for beach day here:

Club 45 from 4:00-5:30 at the Youth House All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for an afternoon of games, snacks, and time to connect with friends.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday, September 22

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: barnettml615@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 23

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

Finance Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. Room F 204 Monthly meeting of the finance committee, open to all.

Wednesday, September 24

Clergy Bible Study (200)

Dining Room and Zoom at 10:00 am Contact: Mother Laura at Lmagevney@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 – Pasta Bar

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. Contact: mahrey51@aol.com, ksvpvb@gmail.com, wilsonsidekick@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Book Club (200)

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

Thursday, September 25

Blessings in a Backpack - 8:30 - Dining Hall

The Marriage Course (300) – Begins this week at 6:00 for 7 weeks; Dining Room.

Dinner included with registration fee.

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.

Friday, September 26

Men's Bible Study (100) & Breakfast at 7:00 am in the Dining Room.

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

Contact: tschwarz1015@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Amistad Mission - September 28

10:15 – 11:00 am. Rooms 111-113
Please join us 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.

Blessing of the Pets

Wednesday, October 1 at 5:30 in the Courtyard. Join us at 5:00 for a family-friendly lesson on St. Francis of Assisi!

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.

Learn more and register here.

Grace and Gardens Pilgrimage to England-(September 2026) – Informational Meeting Sunday October 5 from 10:15-11:00 in Rooms 111-113

Come and learn about this once in a lifetime pilgrimage to England offering special access to amazing sites. Our guides will be the Very Rev. Ian Markham, Dean and President of Virginia and General Theological Seminaries

and the Rev. Barney Hawkins who has over 40 years of experience leading pilgrimages to sacred places.

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 with questions.

Caregiver Connect

Wednesday, October 8th from 4-5:30pm

Whether you're actively caregiving or caregiving from a distance, you are not alone. Join us support and spiritual rest with fellow journeyers. Quarterly gatherings will be offered.

Contact: Candice Tiner at caregivers@ccpvb.org

Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Weed

Saturday October 11th 12PM - Sunday October 12th 11AM

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! Scan here for more information and registration here.

Christ Church ICARE House Meeting

October 28 at 6:00 pm - Room 106 Enjoy a light supper and discussion led by ICARE Associate Director Amanda Nelson. Amanda will share news of ICARE's current justice ministry work and we will share our ideas for creating a better community for everyone. RSVP to Mary Watson at mvw172@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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 5th-Nov 23rd.

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 5th. Contact: scottburch@yahoo.com

OR 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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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.	Cooper Chapel	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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