



# CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

· September 21, 2025 · 7:30 a.m. · Church ·



**Sunday.  
Every Day.**

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.**

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. Tom<sup>+</sup>

Mike

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

### Prelude

*Organ Voluntary*

*Please stand.*

### Processional Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

### 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.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Reading

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*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            16:1-13

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

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."

*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*

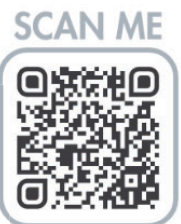
*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**      And with thy spirit.

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

*Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts*  
Joseph & Stephanie Murray, *Soloists*

Claude L. Bass

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life,  
Thou light of men, from the blest bliss that Earth imparts,  
We turn, unfilled, to Thee again.  
Thy truth, unchanged, hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them who seek Thee, Thou art good,  
To them who find Thee, all in all.  
Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
For where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.  
O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

*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*



*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 345**    *Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name*

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.

Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

*You may kneel*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

Page 339, *The Book of Common Prayer*



## The Blessing

*Please stand.*

### Recessional Hymn 493 *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here, the sinful flee to thee, from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

## 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 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 – 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.  
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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](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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