



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

· September 21 2025 · 9:00 a.m. · Chapel ·



**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⁺

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

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 20: 1-5, 8-9)

Celebrant Give thanks to the Lord*

People Who cares for the lowly.

Celebrant I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *

All before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Celebrant Give thanks to the Lord*

People Who cares for the lowly.

Opening Sentences

Page 355, *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, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:1-13

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Louanne Loch*

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may 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, especially...

For Ron, our Governor, Donald, our President, 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, we present to you...
desired, that your healing grace and comfort be upon them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader

For those who have died, especially ...,
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.

The Confession

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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Thank you for your support.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

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 A

Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus

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

The Lord's Prayer

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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. The usher will guide for Communion.

Postcommunion Prayer

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 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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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

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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