

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday



HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 5:00 PM

30 Years of the Christ Church *Nutcracker* - By Maggie FitzRoy

When Christ Church parishioner **Felicia Rhoden** first choreographed and directed *The Nutcracker* with 17 young dancers in the old parish hall, she never dreamed she would still be putting on the magical holiday performance 30 years later with ten times as many dancers on the University of North Florida Lazzara Theater stage.

Just like every other year, most of her dancers in this year's performance are children ages three and up. Just like every other year, they will perform scenes featuring ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary dance styles, as well as a mix of styles. And just like every other year, they will be dancing to raise money for charities benefitting children: Dreams Come True, Pediatric Hospice, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and Amistad orphanage in Bolivia.

"I am so thankful to God in heaven for letting me be here so long," Felicia—affectionately known to her dancers as Miss Felicia—says. "People ask how did this last so long? I think it's because God wants it to. I think it makes him happy to see these precious children dancing for others."



Saturday, December 13
6:00pm
UNF Lazzara Theater
Tickets are available at
missfeliciasdance.com

It's also lasted so long because of Miss Felicia's passionate, dedicated leadership. A professional dancer turned long-time dance teacher, she considered herself retired when she and her husband moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in the mid-1990s. The rector at the time, Jim Cooper, asked her to teach dance at the church, and at first, she turned him down. "I said, I'm just going to be a grandmother," she remembers. "But that lasted about a week." She began teaching dance, her classes grew, and so did *The Nutcracker*, which she continues to choreograph and direct and create new dances for each year.

Felicia first began dancing at age 4 in Savannah, where she grew up. After teaching dance there, she moved to New York City to study with the New York City Ballet Company and then went on to dance with a partner who had been with the Russian Ballet. They traveled around the United States, performing classical ballet as principal dancers in major cities. Felicia later moved to Atlanta, where she taught dance before moving to Ponte Vedra Beach.

She strives to make *The Nutcracker* fun and family-friendly and many of her dancers stay with her from toddlerhood through high school. Many perform in multiple numbers, with quick costume changes backstage.

Felicia credits many faithful volunteers for helping her put the show on year after year, including her assistant, Dawn Jacobs; her daughters Felicia Stapleton and Claire Duffy; and dance mom Carrie Lantzy, who has organized the many costumes for 13-plus years.

Rehearsals began in August this year, just like they do every year. "I want them to walk out on stage and own it so they can enjoy the experience," Felicia says. "We're dancing for children who cannot dance. Over the years we've been sending thousands of dollars to charities from this little church—where it all started in the old parish hall thirty years ago with 17 children dancing on a concrete floor."

TODAY – Sunday, November 23

Alternative Giving Fair – Today!

8:45-11:30am - Dining Room

Give a different kind of gift this holiday season by shopping at the Alternative Giving Fair. Your funding helps provide school supplies to children at Mede Nio Africa Mission, meals to local residents through Mission House, and more.

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

Faith Foundations (100) – Getting Connected

10:15-11:00am; Room 106

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.

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

10:15 – 11:00 am; Room 224

Contact: scottburch@yahoo.com

Youth Forum

10:15-11:00am

Grades 6-12; Youth House

*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

Intrumental music

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Sentences

Reader Christ has come to turn the world upside down:
To humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.
Christ has come to turn the table:
To topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.
Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:
To feed the hungry, to give sight to the blind, to strengthen the weary,
to set the prisoners free.
Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

People To overthrow the present order with a revolution of love.

First Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of him, who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save;
His glories, now, we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, be with us in this time of prayer and grant us living touch with you. Give us an insight of your kingdom, a vision of your purpose, the guidance of your wisdom, and grace to be fellow workers with you in doing your just and loving will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

Valerie Gambino

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

You may stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Leader On this, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we rejoice in the Feast of Christ the King. As we reflect on the meaning of Christ's reign in our hearts and in the world, let us pray with faith and humility, acknowledging that he alone reigns in truth, as we say:

People When you come to rule,
Remember us, O Lord.

Jesus, Savior and Judge, you have confounded earthly judgment by choosing to be numbered among the transgressors. May your words comfort all who are in prison, all judged guilty by society or church, and all who live on the margins of the human family.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

We also pray for those nations suffering the impact of war, and for those who lack food, shelter, and protection in Sudan, Haiti, Cuba and Gaza.

People When you come to rule,
Remember us, O Lord.

Jesus, condemned and powerless before your enemies, grant to the leaders of the nations — especially Ron, our Governor, and Donald, our President — the wisdom to know that their authority is in the service of a greater law. We also pray for all who serve our nation.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

May they act with courage, integrity, and compassion in the pursuit of justice and peace.

When you come to rule,

Remember us, O Lord.

Christ, first-born of the dead, through the blood of your cross you bring unity to what is divided. Grant to your Church the hope of the resurrection — especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committee; and the bishops assisting our dioceses — that we may recognize the image of God revealed in your rising.

When you come to rule,

Remember us, O Lord.

Christ, image of the invisible God, free us from holding you within the limits of our own making. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Surround them with your healing presence, strengthen them in faith, and grant that, in the power of the Spirit, we may see all life and all power transformed by the compassion of the cross.

When you come to rule,

Remember us, O Lord.

Jesus, Lord of life and conqueror of death, you have opened the gates of your kingdom to all who trust in your mercy. Receive into the light of your presence those who have died.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Bring them into the company of the saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, and where your reign of justice and peace is revealed in all its fullness.

When you come to rule,
Remember us, O Lord.

Leader Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ the King.
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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory PSB 14

Because He Lives

Bill & Gloria Gaither

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.**

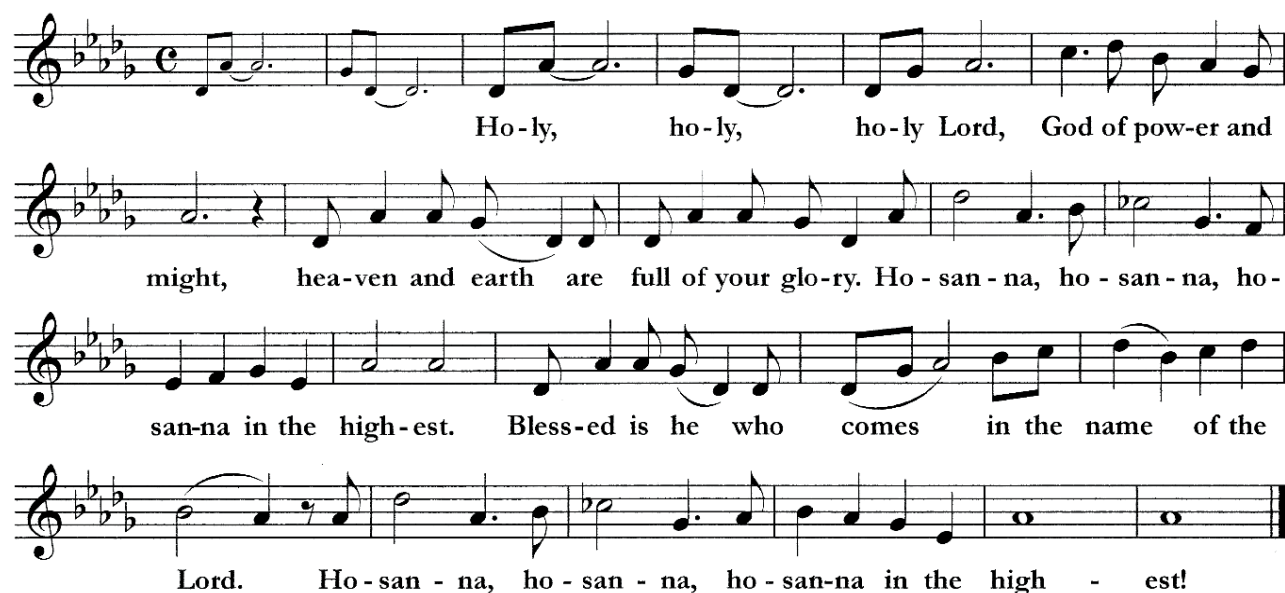
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Lord's Prayer

Cantor As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

All Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world, do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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 PSB 75

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice,

Refrain How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age, He stands, and time is in his Hands;
Beginning and the End, repeat once.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lam, repeat once. *Refrain*

Bridge Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: how great is our God! *Refrain*

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.
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When you come into your kingdom

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 Bless us, O God the Father, who hast created us,
 Bless us, O God the Son, who hast redeemed us,
 Bless us, O God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth us.
 O Blessed Trinity, keep us in body, soul, and spirit unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation

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 when you 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, be your good news for sharing,
 and lead you in the way that is everlasting.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Ian Bula, *Piano* Rachel Kamps, *Soloist*

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Adopt-a-Family Angel Tree

This year's Angel Tree will serve three charities: St. Mary's Mission Church, Rhoda Martin Early Learning Center, and Episcopal Children's Services. The tree will be in the courtyard today (at the Alternative Giving Fair), November 30 and December 7. Stop by to pick up a card and make someone else's Christmas a bit merrier!

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Share your gratitude in this quiet family-friendly service of Holy Eucharist, and prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving.

We will be hanging **Christmas wreaths** and greenery on Saturday, November 29 at 10:00am. Meet in the courtyard to help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office and campus will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

Donations for Christmas Flowers

Open now – December 5

Donations for Christmas Flowers are often given in Memory of or Thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate to the flower fund for the 2025 Christmas season, please fill out a form in the office or donate online at ccpvb.org. If you choose to give online, please email names to Liz McCarthy at Lmccarthy@ccpvb.org.

Children's Christmas Pageant Registration

is open! Reach out to Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org for more information. The pageants will be held at the 2:00pm and 6:00pm services on Christmas Eve.

Christ Church Preschool's enrollment

is open year round and we are taking inquiries for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact Head of School, Christy Maurer, at cmaurer@preschoolcec.org

There are spaces available for our next pilgrimage to the **Camino de Santiago**, taking place from April 19 - May 2, 2026 AND on our Grace and Gardens trip to England from September 13-25, 2026.

Please contact Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org for more information about the Camino and Rev. Amy Slater at aslater@ccpvb.org for England.

General Warning about Phishing and Other Scams

Please note that all of our clergy and some of our lay staff continue to be victims of phishing attempts and other online scams. There is nothing that we can do to stop these attacks apart from warning you about them. Please note on the church website (www.ccpvb.org) the real and valid email addresses of our clergy and staff. Phishing attacks work by taking our valid email addresses and changing them just a little bit. The scammers then impersonate the clergy or staff, using these faked email addresses, sending emails

to you (yes, they have your email address as well), asking for money or gift cards. Please do not fall for this scam. No one from this church will ever ask you for gift cards. And please pray for the scammers, that they may repent from their thieving ways, and give their life to Jesus!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Advent Wreaths

Sunday, November 30 in the Courtyard
Bring the whole family to start off the Advent season by making a wreath to take home.

Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope (100) - Starts Nov 30th!
Sundays, 10:15-11:00 am in Room 106
This clergy-led Bible study will explore Biblical texts to examine how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. Dates: Nov. 30, Dec 7, 14, and 21.

St. Nick Service - December 3 at 5:30pm
Join us for one of our favorite traditions—a family-friendly service, followed by hot chocolate in the courtyard. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to St. Mary's Food Pantry.

Godspell Auditions

The Creative Academy's next performance is Godspell! Auditions will be held on December 6 at 9:00 am in the choir room. Contact: Barb Roberts at barbiekroberts@gmail.com

Advent Quiet Day

Saturday, Dec 6 from 9:00am-4:00pm

"Slowing Down in a Hurry-Up World"

Explore Advent as the season of the church year that prepares us for the birth of the Christ Child celebrated as the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. For more information and to register, scan the code or visit ccpvb.org



Sounds of the Season Concert

December 7 at 4:00pm - Vicars Auditorium

Featuring readings and special music provided by the chancel choir, common ground, men's and women's ensembles, children's choir, and special instrumentalists. Everyone is welcome! Christ Church
Nutcracker – December 13

Miss Felicia's Dancy Ministry proudly presents the 30th Annual Nutcracker Ballet. The show is December 13 at 6:00pm at the Lazzara Theater at UNF. Tickets are going fast at missfeliciasdance.com!

Christ Church Women's Retreat 2026

Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1

Don't miss the 2026 Women's Retreat! Our theme is *Prayers of the People*, and our speaker, the Rev Dr Linda Privatera, will lead us through a deep exploration of the ways and the reasons we pray. Make plans to join us at Epworth By the Sea for this time of fellowship, rest, and inspiration! Registration will available on-line soon. For questions, contact Deacon Leila or Mother Laura.

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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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