

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday



NOVEMBER 23, 2025
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
9:00 AM CHAPEL

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

Prelude

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 46: 1-2, 7-11)

Celebrant The Lord of hosts is with us; *

People the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Celebrant God is our refuge and strength, *

All a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

Celebrant The Lord of hosts is with us; *

People the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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 23:33-43

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Keith Oglesby*

Please stand.

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

You may 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.

We especially pray for those nations suffering the impact of war, and for those who lack food, shelter, and protection in Sudan, Haiti, Cuba and Gaza. When you come to rule,

People **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. 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. 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, pelican feeding your young with your own blood, may the dead who have partaken of your chalice be with you in paradise. We especially pray for those who have died.

When you come to rule,

Remember us, O Lord.

Celebrant

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.

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

*To make an offering online visit
ccpvb.org/give or scan this code.
Thank you for your support.*

SCAN ME



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 B

Page 367, *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!**

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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