



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Second Sunday of Easter

• April 12, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. • Chapel •

Passing the Torch: The Acolyte Ministry Continues



“Serving brings fulfillment, happiness, and a sense of caring.”

These words from **Marianne Palmer** capture the heart of ministry at Christ Church—and especially the spirit of the acolyte ministry she faithfully led for more than 20 years.

As Youth Acolyte Ministry Leader, Marianne guided generations of young people, helping them grow in confidence and develop leadership skills. “I enjoyed being with the children during their years of growth,” she shared, “and providing opportunities to build confidence and leadership skills.” Today, many of those former acolytes are adults with families of their own—a testament to her lasting impact.

Now, that legacy continues with **Melissa Kurz Johnson (Mel)**, who steps into leadership with gratitude and a sense of calling.

Mel’s connection to this ministry began years ago. Growing up in the Episcopal Church, she served as an acolyte throughout middle and high school and now serves as a Eucharistic Minister.



“Marianne has done an amazing job with this ministry for many years,” Mel shares. “I know I have big shoes to fill.”

“I love being a part of the service and feel this is such an important aspect of worship,” she says. “Getting our children involved and understanding how the Eucharist works helps ensure that long-term connection to the Church.”

The acolyte ministry is open to middle and high school students who feel called to serve. Acolytes typically serve one to two times per month and receive training so they can participate with confidence. Along the way, they gain a deeper appreciation for worship, earn service hours, and become part of a meaningful community.

“My hope,” Mel says, “is to grow this into a fun group of kids who enjoy serving together.”

Rooted in Marianne’s legacy, this ministry continues to invite the next generation to serve, belong, and grow at the heart of worship.

*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!*

We invite you to pray for the Baptism of Virginia Elizabeth Clarson, Ellie Shae Glowacki, Rawlings Kelley Gonzalez, Sloane Vivian Gonzalez and Alex Wolfe Gonzalez.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 16: 7-11)

Celebrant I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *

People my heart teaches me, night after night.

Celebrant I have set the Lord always before me; *

All because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

**You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Celebrant I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *

People my heart teaches me, night after night.

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts of the Apostles

2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Michael Ellis*

Please stand.

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

You may kneel.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV Page 388, *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.*



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!**

TODAY, Sunday April 12

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Parker Wheeler and Sergey Corey.

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rodney Smiley, Mable & Kenneth Corley and Bob Shaddock.

The Very Rev. Ian Markham and Rev. Dr. Barney Hawkins will preach and teach during formation hour on the state of theological education in the Episcopal Church and why pilgrimages are important. Join us for an opportunity to ask questions and learn from the best!

Garden Ministry Plant Sale

Today! 8:30-12:30

Our garden ministry leaders, Bernie Golczynski and Trey Wilson are offering native plants for sale to benefit our ongoing garden beautification. Please stop by and take this opportunity to be a good steward of this earth, our island home.

A delicious **Breakfast** will be served from 8:15am - 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.

Children's Chapel

9:15 am |Hospitality Lobby

Children's Formation

10:15-11:00am |Meet in the F&A Building

Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15 – 11:00 | F209

Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible 10:15 – 11:00 am | Room 224

Contact: scottburch@yahoo.com

Youth Forum |10:15-11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School! Contact Amy Schmitt at 703-300-5024 to learn more or sign up here:



Registration for Hometown Mission Week is now open. Scan here for details and registration.



Sign up to participate in **Youth Sunday** on May 3. We hope to fill our services with youth ushers, lectors, and acolytes as we celebrate our youth ministry and graduating seniors. Contact Parker Wheeler at pwheeler@ccpvb.org to participate.

Join a Choir – High School Students & Adults

Questions? Contact Dr. Rachel Root at rroot@ccpvb.org

Women's Ensemble – Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm, sings monthly at 9 & 11:15 am

Men's Ensemble - Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm, sings monthly at 7:30, 9 & 11:15

Chancel Choir - Rehearse Wednesdays 7-8pm, sings weekly at 11:15 am

Handbell Choir - Rehearse Thursdays 6-7 pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15
Children's Choir - Rehearse Wednesdays 5:15-6pm in F and A building room 124

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Nehemiah Assembly

April 13 | 6:45 – 8:00pm | Abyssinia
Missionary Baptist Church

Join this important meeting with leaders from around our city to discuss affordable housing, hunger issues, and more. Buses will be provided from Christ Church along with a pizza dinner beforehand! Register online at ccpvb.org

Join us for **Wednesday Night Dinner** from 5:45-7:00pm. \$10 adults / \$7 kids / \$34 family max. This week: Tacos!

Women in the Word Spring Bible Study Begins April 15 | 7:00pm | Westbury Hall Conference Room

We will work through a 7-session study called "Jesus and Women" by Kristi McLelland. Contact Mary Ann Reynolds at mahrey51@aol.com for more information.

Leaving a Living Legacy: Caring for Jacksonville in a Changing World

April 16 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Christ Church
Join C-Change Conversations Founder Kathleen Biggins for a nonpartisan presentation connecting climate science to the realities facing our coastal community. She will provide practical insight for caring for the places and people we love. Rooted in shared values of responsibility and concern for future

generations, this conversation offers the confidence to engage constructively and preserve what makes Jacksonville special. Recognized nationwide for its balanced, science-based approach, C-Change presentations have reached over 24,000 people in 34 states and internationally. Register online at ccpvb.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Holy Spirit: God's Presence and Power at Work in Us – a clergy-led class
April 19- May 17 | 10:15-11:00 am | Room 106

Club 45 Spring Hangout

April 19 | 4:30–6:00 PM

4th and 5th graders are invited to a basketball-focused afternoon with Coach Stephanie Madden. No experience required!

April 25 - Family Service Day at Feeding Northeast Florida from 1:00–3:30 pm

Families with children ages 5 and up (accompanied by an adult) are invited to participate in a behind-the-scenes warehouse tour, a kid-friendly service project, and a hands-on learning activity. Registration will be open shortly online at ccpvb.org

Oyster Roast - May 1

Save the date! Our annual Christ Church and Community Oyster Roast will be held on Friday, May 1st from 6-9pm. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please join us at our meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 1pm in room F106 or contact

Stephanie Murray, smurray@ccpvb.org, for more information.

May 12 - Joyful Friends 75+

11:30 am | Dining Room

Join us for lunch and a special event featuring an interactive talk about Canine Companions service and therapy dogs. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn about the training and work of these remarkable dogs, we will have a few pups at the event who will demonstrate their skills that will enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Please RSVP to the main office or through the church website by May 8th so we have a proper head count for our luncheon.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp

(Three sessions!)

June 16–18, June 29–July 1, July 13–15

8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Join Chef Jen and Chef Doreen for a fun and hands-on cooking experience at Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp. Campers will explore recipes and techniques inspired by the rich culinary traditions of Europe while learning new kitchen skills. Register online at ccpvb.org

Theater & Music Camp: *Three of a Kind*

July 13–17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Rising 1st-4th graders

Led by Stephanie Murray, *Three of a Kind* is a delightful 30-minute musical featuring favorite characters that come in threes—

bears, little pigs, blind mice, billy goats gruff, musketeers, and more. Campers will enjoy a creative week of theater games, singing, acting, dancing, playing instruments, and designing their own costumes.

Musical Theater Camp: *Golly Gee Whiz*

July 27–31 | 3:00–8:30 PM

Rising 5th–8th grade students are invited to a fun and creative week of musical theater featuring the award-winning show *Golly Gee Whiz*. Campers will sing, act, dance, play theater games, and help design sets, costumes, and props. The week will conclude with a performance.

General Warning - Phishing & 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!

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Caring Connections Director

Liz McCarthy / Lmccarthy@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 235

Children

Amy Schmitt / aschmitt@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 227

Development + Parish Executive

Mike Shepherd / mshepherd@ccpvb.org
o. 904-285-6127, ext. 228
p. 904-788-4295

Formation for All Ages

The Rev. Laura Magevney /
Lmagevney@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 248

Hospitality + Nursery

Jennifer DeRycker / jderycker@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 247

Marketing and Communications

Lindsey Bloodworth /
Lbloodworth@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 260

Music

Dr. Rachel Root / rroot@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 233

Newcomers + Spirituality

The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan /
Leila@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 223

Operations + Parish Administrator

Stephanie Murray / smurray@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 256

Outreach + Pastoral Care

The Rev. Amy Slater / aslater@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 236

Staff and Clergy Chaplain

The Rev. Wendy Billingslea /
wwbillingslea@gmail.com

Preschool

Christy Maurer / cmaurer@preschoolcec.org
904-285-6371, ext. 243

Recovery

The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse /
pdwodehouse@icloud.com

Worship

The Rev. Andreis Diaz / adiaz@ccpvb.org
904-285-6127, ext. 226

Youth

Parker Wheeler / CECyouth@ccpvb.org

Music used by permission- OneLicense.net A-701976 and CCLI 218107





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

Vestry

Maggie Bowers	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Kathy Blackman	
Chris Brownlee	Gordon Deen	Travers Landreth	Katharine Loeb
Doug Long	Justin Udelhofen	Wendy Waller	
Sarah Wefer	Trey Wilson	Gretna Zerebny	

Staff Clergy

The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector
The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain
The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks

Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

Adjunct Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Michael Ellis The Rev. Louanne Loch
The Rev. Eric Kahl The Rev. Bob Morris
The Rev. Burt Shepherd The Rev. Rich Roos
The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus

The world has changed.

And at times we feel further apart than ever before.

But, two things haven't changed:

God's Unwavering Love, and our need for each other.

With that comes the love that Christ Church has for you—all of you.

Because no matter if you attend virtually or in-person.

If you're Episcopalian or Non-Denominational.

Young or Old. Lean Left or Right.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are one.

Christ Church is not just a place, it's a community.

It's not just what you do on Sunday, it's how you live every day.

With opportunities to grow, learn, create, worship, praise, connect, serve, and thrive.

We are a church centered around Christ.

We are a community centered around Christ

We are the community of Christ Church.



**CHRIST
CHURCH**

Sunday. Every Day.