



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

• May 3, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. • Church •

Youth Sunday: Leading, Serving, Growing in Faith

At Christ Church, our mission is simple yet profound: to create a sanctuary where every young person can experience the love of Christ. Guided by our Director of Youth Ministry Parker Wheeler Corey and a dedicated team of adult volunteers, our youth are growing in faith within a community that is both joyful and welcoming. Here, they are not only learning about Jesus—they are learning to follow His example by loving and serving others.

This spirit is especially visible today on Youth Sunday, as our students lead and serve throughout the 9:00 traditional and 11:15 Jordan services. As acolytes, lectors, and ushers, they take active roles in worship, offering their gifts and leadership to the life of the church. We also take time to celebrate and recognize our graduating seniors, giving thanks for the ways they have grown in faith and the impact they have made in this community.



Each week offers opportunities to gather, connect, and grow. Sunday Youth Forum brings students together in the Youth House for donuts, conversation, and reflection on the readings. Wednesday nights are filled with fellowship, games, and Bible study through Low Tide (middle school) and High Tide (high school).



Service is at the heart of this ministry—from preparing meals at Mission House to serving at Church Without Walls, and through Hometown Mission Week and global outreach with Amistad in Bolivia. With retreats, lock-ins, and beach days along the way, Christ Church Youth is a place where faith is formed, friendships are built, and lives are transformed.

If you have a middle school or high school age student, or you are one yourself, we would love for you to join in the fun and fellowship of our youth community. Please reach out to our Director of Youth Ministry, Parker Wheeler Corey, at pcorey@ccpvb.org or Mother Laura Magevney at Lmagevney@ccpvb.org to get connected. We'll see you there!

*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

Leader Risen Lord, we come to adore you.
We desire to know you as living Lord,
and to experience your vitality within us.
Break the seals, Lord, roll away the stone, rip open the protecting bandages.

People **Breathe the breath of life into our hearts.**

Leader Risen Lord, we come to worship you.
The world waits for your coming through us.
We want to be filled with joy and to have the freedom to be your true
disciples.
As we come, we thank you that you do break the seals, Lord,
you roll away the stone and rip open the protective bandages.

People **You breathe the breath of life into our hearts,
And by Your resurrection, we are made new.**

First Hymn

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on the cross, as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world, by darkness slain
Then, bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Servant Christ, help us to follow you out of the dark tomb, to share daily your resurrection life, to be renewed daily in your image of love, to be used daily as your new Body in your service to the world. Servant Christ, help us to follow you. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to John

14:1-14

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

Alex Cain

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 In joy and hope let us pray to God.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter. That He may protect those in our armed forces.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That He may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That He may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection, may be raised on the last day.

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

That He may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **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 Jesus says: My Peace I give to you. Do not be afraid. I call you my friend.
Abide in my love. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

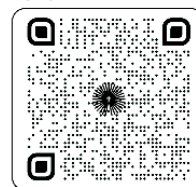
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Better Than I

David Campbell

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

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So, too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All together

**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **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.

Healing prayers

During the distribution of Communion, healing prayer will be offered.

All who desire prayer for themselves or others are invited to meet with a prayer partner at the front of the church during Communion.

Communion Music*We the Lord's People*

John E. Bowers

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting
Praise Him who called us out of sin and darkness
Into His own light, that He might anoint us
A royal priesthood.

This is the Lord's house, home of all His people
School for the faithful, refuge for the sinner
Rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary
All find a welcome.

This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making
Day of creation, day of resurrection
Day of the Spirit, sing of heaven's banquet
Day for rejoicing.

In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered
That Christ may take them
Bless them, break, and give them
To all His people, His own life imparting
Food everlasting.

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *The Summons*

John Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.
In your company, I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move, and live, and grow in you, and you in me.

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 May the light of Christ, rising in glory, scatter the darkness of your hearts and minds; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and be with you always. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation

Please stand.

Dismissal

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever.
Go out with joy and be led forth with Peace.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Music by Ian Bula

TODAY, Sunday May 3

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bruce Rosborough's birthday.

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

Food Bag Sunday

Our monthly food drive helps stock the shelves of BEAM and St Mary's food pantries. This Sunday Drop off food donations in the Blue Collection Bins in Room M25.

A delicious **Breakfast** will be served from 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Nursery Care - Available from 8:45am to 12:30pm; 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 | F224

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:



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Walking the Mourners Path

Thursdays May 7 - June 25 | 5:30pm | 209

This is a special series to help those who are grieving the death of a spouse, child, sibling, parent or dear friend. We use a Christ centered workbook which focuses on honest grieving and learning how we might learn a new way of living. This is a confidential, small group with clergy and trained facilitators to support your journey. The fee for materials is 60.00; scholarships are available. You may register online or you may contact Liz McCarthy at lmccarthy@ccpvb.org. One does not need to be a church member to participate but we do recommend that approx 6 months have passed since the loss of a loved one. More info at mournerspath.com.

May 9 – Don Thompson Chorale Concert

11:30 am | Contemporary Worship Space
Join us for a spring concert "Life Songs 1500 to Now". Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

JUST JULY: A Summer Book Study

Wednesdays in July | 10:00-11:00 AM | F106

Father Eric will host a midsummer book study on Wednesdays in July on *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God* written by Skye Jethani. *With* explores the narrative of the Bible to show that we were created to be with God, and that restoring this connection is his mission. Instead of life over, under, from or even for God, what leads us into freedom and restoration is life **with** God. Visit ccpvb.org for more info.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Scan for more information:



Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp – 3 Sessions

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

8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Theater Camps Led by Stephanie Murray

Three of a Kind | July 13–17 | 9AM–12PM

Rising 1st-4th graders

Golly Gee Whiz | July 27–31 | 3:00–6:00 PM

Rising 5th-8th graders

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!

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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