



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

• May 3, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. • Chapel •

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

Prelude

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 31: 1-5)

Celebrant Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

People for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Celebrant In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *

All deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

Celebrant Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

People for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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 14:1-14

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher Dell

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

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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 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!

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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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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.



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