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through the love of God, in Christ.*

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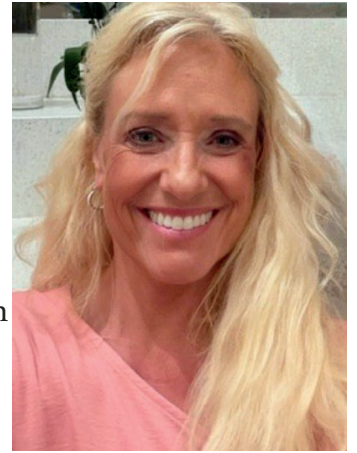
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

• May 10, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. • Church •

A New Song for Our Community

Christ Church is excited to welcome a new chapter in our life together as Stephanie Murray steps into the role of Worship and Family Music Director.

Stephanie brings warmth, enthusiasm, and nearly 30 years of music education experience to this role. A graduate of Concordia College with degrees in Music Education and Psychology, she has spent her life shaping children through music—in classrooms, churches, concert settings, private lessons, and theater. Many at Christ Church already know her through her wide-ranging service as preschool music teacher, children’s choir director, pastoral care coordinator, and most recently, Director of Operations.



For Stephanie, this new role is deeply personal. Having grown up as a preacher’s daughter where every member of her family played a part, she experienced firsthand what it means for children to feel known, valued, and included in the life of the church. That same vision now guides her work: to help every child and youth feel that they belong, that they matter, and that they have a place in worship.

This new music ministry will focus on building community through song, including the formation of a children and youth choir that will sing regularly in our weekend services. While striving for musical excellence, Stephanie’s deepest hope is to create a space where connection, confidence, and faith can grow together. With experience as a volleyball and running coach, a scoutmaster, and a crisis counselor, Stephanie brings a deep understanding of children from all walks of life and is passionate about the belief that music is for everyone. This ministry is for all children and youth—not just those with musical or theater experience, but anyone seeking a place to belong.

Stephanie also welcomes adults who feels called to be part of this growing ministry. Musical experience is not required—only a willing heart.

She will continue to lead key parish events, including the Oyster Roast and Celtic Celebration. Youth, spend time with Stephanie this summer! She will lead two exciting theater camps this July. Rising 1st–4th graders will rehearse and perform *Three of a Kind*, a delightful 30-minute musical featuring favorite characters that come in threes, while enjoying a week of theater games, singing, acting, dancing, and costume design. Rising 5th–8th graders are invited to a dynamic week of musical theater featuring the award-winning *Golly Gee Whiz!*, where campers will sing, act, dance, and help design sets, costumes, and props—all culminating in a final performance.

Information and registration for both camps can be found on the church website or by contacting Stephanie directly at smurray@ccpvb.org.

*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.

Openning Sentences

Lector 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.

Lector 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

Because He Lives

William & Gloria Gaither

God sent his Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.

And then one day, I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He lives. *Refrain*

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

For the quietness that surrounds us and your promise of peace deep within us, for the stillness of sleep for our bodies, and the hope of healing for our souls, thanks be to you, O God. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to John

14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

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

Lector 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. We pray for those who work for peace in our armed forces.

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.

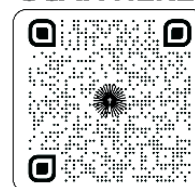
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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Thank you for your support.*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Be Still My Soul

David Finstrom

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.

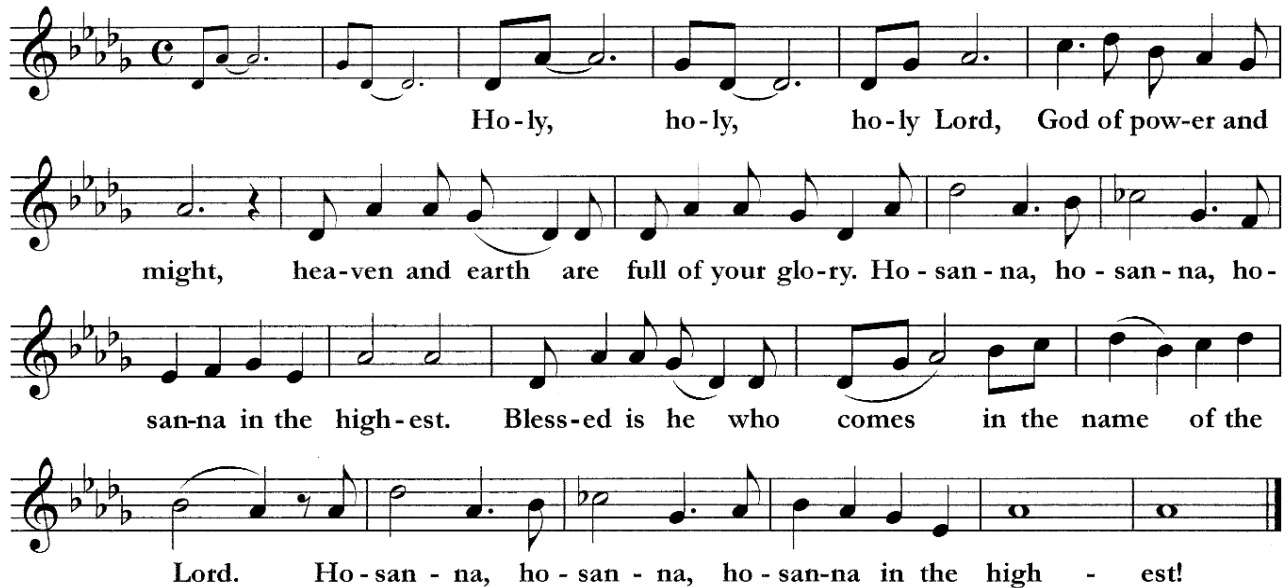
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus



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

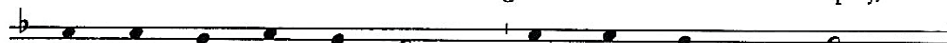
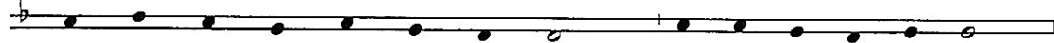
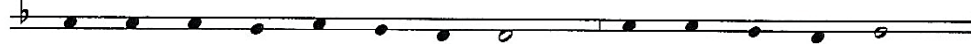
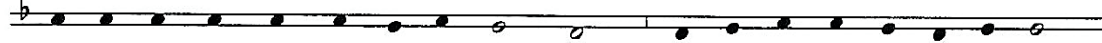

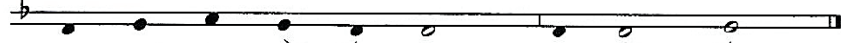
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.

Communion Music

Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *He Lives*

Alfred Ackley

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever others say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me, and talks with me, along life's narrow way.
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

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 10

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

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

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.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Finance Committee Meeting

May 19 | 4:00 p.m. | Room F 204

Monthly meeting of the finance committee, open to all.

Bilingual Service on Pentecost Sunday

May 24 | 11:15 a.m. | Contemporary

Worship Space

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability”. (Acts 2:4)

Join us for this spiritual feast of the Spirit with music, preaching, and the breaking of bread in a multicultural and joyful celebration of our faith. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. You are invited to bring a favorite dish to share.

Caregivers Connection Support Group

May 26 | 4-5:30pm | Room F209 Let's come

together and support each other as we walk our caregiver journeys together. Snacks and listening hearts provided! Email caregivers@ccpvb.org with questions.

Beaches Habitat for Humanity Faith Build
May 30 | Sign up is required; contact Doug Knowles at doug.knowles@alumni.duke.edu with any questions.

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.

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

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

Vestry

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