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through the love of God, in Christ.*

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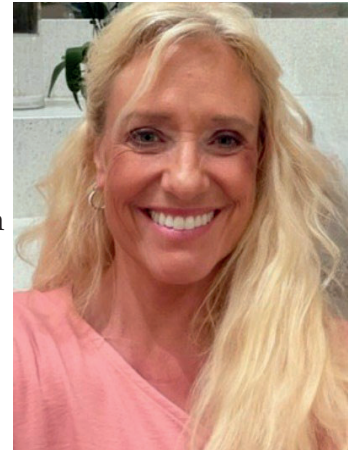
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

• May 10, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. • Chapel •

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

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 66: 7, 14-18)

Celebrant Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

People nor withheld his love from me.

Celebrant Bless our God, you peoples; *

All make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *

and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *

the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Celebrant Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

People nor withheld his love from me.

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.

Gloria

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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 14:15-21

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Eric Kahl

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel or sit.

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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ccpvb.org/give or scan this code.
Thank you for your support.*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand for the Presentation.

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*

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 you to the altar rail for Communion.

You may kneel or sit.

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 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

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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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