



CHRIST CHURCH

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

• July 19, 2026 • 11:15 a.m. • Church •

Welcome to Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach!
We are delighted to have you worship with us, either in person or online.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Organ Medley

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 541 *Come, Labor on*

Vs. 1- 3

Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on.
The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.

Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.

Welcome Words

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

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

S 236, The Hymnal

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Lector

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 86:11-17

Lector ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *

People **knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**

¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *

and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³ For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; *

they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading

Lector

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Song Hymn 113 *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*

Vs. 1 & 3

Lord, whose love, in humble service, bore the weight of human need,
Who did, on the Cross, forsaken, show us mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart:
Consecrating, to your purpose, ev'ry gift, which you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision, 'til your love's revealing light,
'Til the height, and depth, and greatness, dawns upon our human sight:
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to faithful service, your abundant life to share.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** *(Sing twice)*

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Thomas Reeder*

Please stand.

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

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People, Form I Page 383, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Confession Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant 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 Anthem

God of Glory, Lord of Love
Common Ground

Mary McDonald

God of glory, Lord of love, hear us from your heav'nly home above.
You're the Way, Truth and Life, lead us from our earthly strife.
God of power, Lord of grace, in this hour, we seek your Holy face.
Master, Savior, dearest friend, keep us with you to the end.

God of love, God of light, may we walk forever in your sight.
Lord of life, Lord of all, Lord, to You, we give our life, our all!
Lord, forever be our Guide, may we safely in Your arms abide.
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n; by Your grace, our sins forgiv'n.

Hear us now, O Lord, we pray; bless our church this Holy day.
Joyful songs to You we raise! Unto God, our hymn of praise, of praise!
God of Love, God of Light, may we walk forever in your sight.
Lord of life, and Lord of all, Lord, to You, we give our life, our all!
God of glory, Lord of love!

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 A Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 129, *The Hymnal*

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 ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.

Communion Music

Hymn 586 *Jesus, Thou Divine Companion*

Jesus, thou divine Companion, by thy lowly human birth,
Thou hast come to join the workers, burden-bearers of the Earth.
Thou, the carpenter of Nazareth, toiling for Thy daily food,
By Thy patience and Thy courage, Thou hast taught us toil is good.

Where the many toil together, there art Thou, among Thine own;
Where the solitary labor, Thou art there with them alone;
Thou, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwellest in the daily strife;
Thou, the Bread of heaven, art broken in the sacrament of life.

Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of human kindness done to man is done to Thee.
Jesus, thou divine Companion, help us all to work our best;
Bless us in our daily labor, lead us to our Sabbath rest.

Hymn 558 *Faith of our Fathers*

Faith of our fathers! Living still in spite
Of dungeon, fire, and sword:
O, how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word:

Refrain Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee 'till death.

Faith of our fathers! Faith and prayer shall win all nations unto thee;
And, through the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then, indeed, be free. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe
In all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly deeds and virtuous life. *Refrain*

Sending the Eucharistic Visitors

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant In the name of Christ Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn 539 *O Zion, Haste*

Vs. 1 - 3

O Zion, haste, thy mission high, fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That, he who made all nations, is not willing,
One soul should fail to know his love and might.

Refrain Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,
 Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation,
That God, in whom they live, and move, is Love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
And died on earth, that all might live above. *Refrain*

Send heralds forth, to bear the message glorious;
Give, of thy wealth, to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul, for them, in prayer victorious,
'Till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Organ Voluntary

TODAY, Sunday July 19

Cursillo Fall Weekend Information

Today during breakfast! Come and learn about Cursillo and how you can participate this fall!

Breakfast: 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 | Lobby

Clergy Forum | 10:15-11:00 | Room 106

“When the Text Talks Back: Building a Way to Read the Parables of Jesus.”

Sundays

July 12, 19, 26 Room 124 | 10:15-11:00am

Led by retired Navy chaplain Phil Wyrick.

Over three sessions, participants will build their own way of reading the parables of Jesus - his favorite form of teaching, and among his most unsettling. The class is a provocative search: less for settled answers than for the confidence to stand inside the questions these stories raise, and to let the text talk back.

No Youth Forum will be held today; Please pray for our youth and their adult chaperones on their Mission Trip to Amistad, Bolivia from July 16th-July 23rd. Amelia, Grace, Dan, Harlee, Sophie, Avery, Rebecca, Bradley, Parker, Amy, Sophia, Charlie, and Harper.

Bulletins for BEAM at the Local

Bring in your bulletin on Sundays in July from 9-4 to our neighborhood Local restaurant, and they will be donate 10% of sales to BEAM!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us this summer in supporting Mission House! Bring in Sunscreen, Bug Spray and Deodorant to the office or M25 Room.

Registration for youth confirmation is now open. Youth Confirmation is for all those in the 9th-12th grades and above wishing to confirm their baptismal vows and make a mature commitment to Christ and the church. During Confirmation, baptized persons are "confirmed" in the Christian faith with the laying on of hands by a bishop. Most years the class begins in late September and takes place on select Sundays throughout the year, ending with an overnight retreat. Any student interested in joining the process should register on our website under the events page.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tai Chi Tuesdays

New Time! 9:30 – 10:30 am

Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 11:15a | Center For Spirituality (next to the labyrinth & gardens)

Are you interested in learning and practicing this contemplative way of prayer and listening. Join us any Wednesday from 11:15a-12:00p and try it out. You'll find a caring circle of friends and the silence you long for. Contact Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org to find out more.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Preschool Summer Playdate

July 20 | 9:30–11:30 AM

Preschool children and their caregivers are invited to join us for a fun morning of play, activities, and fellowship. Come connect with other families while your little ones explore,

play, and enjoy time together in a welcoming environment.

Musical Theater Camp: *Golly Gee Whiz*
July 27–31 | 3:00–6:00 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. Spaces are available! Register online at ccpvb.org

Caregivers Support Meeting
July 28 | 4:00-5:30pm | Room 209

Email caregivers@ccpvb.org for more info.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)
Wednesday, July 29 | Youth House

Low Tide 4:30PM-6PM

Middle School (6TH-8TH GRADERS)

High Tide 7PM-8:30PM

High School (9TH-12 GRADERS)

Family Scavenger Hunt
July 31 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Dining Hall

Gather your family for an evening of adventure as you explore the church campus, solve clues, and complete fun challenges together. Enjoy fellowship, make lasting memories, and compete for prizes awarded to participating families and winning teams. Limited spaces are available! Register online at ccpvb.org

The Christ Church Creative Academy is delighted to announce our fall performance - **Finding Nemo!** Auditions are Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 am in the Choir Room. Children should prepare 16 bars of music to sing with background music. There will be a

\$100 participation fee for everyone cast in the show. Questions? Please contact Barb Roberts at barbiekroberts@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Backpacks
August 9 | 9am Traditional & Jordan Services

A special back-to-school tradition where children bring their backpacks to church to receive a blessing for the new school year. Families are invited to stay afterward for games, fellowship, and a raffle celebration.

Education for Ministry Lunch & Learn
August 9 | 12:30 | Westbury Hall

In a weekly small group setting, Education for Ministry leads participants through four years of study, covering major areas of theological education. Christ Church has one EfM group, which meets Thursday evenings. Registration is required. If there is enough interest, we will explore the possibility of forming a second Christ Church EfM group. Contact: Lee Hunter (Thursdays 6:00 - 8:30 pm) oflct50@gmail.com.

Childrens' Choirs begin – August 12
Wednesdays, Room 124

For more information, please reach out to Stephanie Murray (SMurray@ccpvb.org), Worship and Family Music Director

Littlest Choir | 3 year olds – 1st grade
Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 4:30–5:00pm

Children's Choir | 2nd grade – 5th grade
Rehearsals: 5:15pm – 6:00pm

Youth Choir | 6th grade – 12th grade
Rehearsals: 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Hispanic Choir | All ages welcome
Time: TBD

Children's Sunday Formation begins on Sunday, August 16th from 10:15-11:00 am. Contact Amy Schmitt, aschmitt@ccpvb.org, for more information and to register your children for the school year.

Cursillo is pleased to announce upcoming weekends dedicated to bringing Jesus Christ into our daily lives. If you are ready to take the next step in fulfilling your baptismal vows, we invite you to join us.

- Men's Cursillo Weekend
9/24 (6:30 PM) – 9/27 (5:00 PM)
- Women's Cursillo Weekend
10/1 (6:30 PM) – 10/4 (5:00 PM)

Registration Deadline: August 17th

For questions, please contact Ron Kessner at Cursilloccpvb@gmail.com or via text at 904-866-0096.

**Youth Summer Waves Lock-in
Fri, Aug 21 @ 7:00 PM - Sat, Aug 22 @
7:00 PM**

Come gather at Christ Church for games, ice cream sundaes, and Compline! Cost is \$10 per youth for the lock-in and you must register online. We will be going to Summer Waves the following day, and pickup will be at 7PM. Cost is \$28 per youth for Summer Waves, and youth are responsible for buying their own tickets prior to the lock-in. Please note that you must also select Saturday, August 22nd as the date for the ticket.

HAPPENING #157 8PM Friday, September 18- 5PM Sunday, September 20. The candidate application deadline is August 23rd, 2026.

Important Reminder About Email and Text Scams

Please be vigilant regarding emails, texts, or other electronic messages that appear to come from Christ Church clergy, deacons, or staff requesting money, gift cards, financial assistance, account information, or any other form of payment. Our clergy and staff continue to be targets of phishing scams and impersonation attempts by criminals who use names and email addresses that may appear legitimate but are not.

Please remember this simple rule: You will never receive a request from Christ Church clergy or staff asking you to purchase gift cards, send money, transfer funds, or provide financial information.

If you receive such a message, do not respond, click links, make purchases, or send money. Instead, contact the church office or call the individual directly using a phone number you know to be valid.

Thank you for helping protect our parish family. Please remain vigilant, share this information with others, and join us in praying for those who perpetrate these scams, that their hearts may be transformed by God's grace.

A Fragrant Offering of a Different Kind - A Gentle Request

Several members of our church family live with allergies or breathing conditions (asthma, COPD, etc.) that can make strong fragrances genuinely uncomfortable. As an act of care and love for those who are affected, we gently ask that everyone refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, or heavily scented products to worship services. This small gesture makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure that everyone can participate fully in our life together. *Thank you for your kindness.*

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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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SERMON NOTES





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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Sunday. Every Day.