



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

• July 26, 2026 • 9:00 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

Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door *from Modern Moveable Feast*

Refrain O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's knockin' at your door. *Refrain*

Can't you hear Him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Can't you hear Him? Somebody's knockin' at your door. *Refrain*

Jesus calls you. Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Jesus calls you. Somebody's knockin' at your door. *Refrain*

Can't you trust Him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Can't you trust Him? Somebody's knockin' at your door. *Refrain*

Emmanuel

from Modern Moveable Feast

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Come By Here

from Modern Moveable Feast

Come by here, my Lord, come by here;

Come by here, my Lord, come by here;

Come by here, my Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Someone's crying, Lord, come by here;

Someone's crying, Lord, come by here;

Someone's crying, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Someone's singing, Lord, come by here;

Someone's singing, Lord, come by here;

Someone's singing, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Someone's praying, Lord, come by here;
Someone's praying, Lord, come by here;
Someone's praying, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Someone needs you, Lord, come by here;
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here;
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 690 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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.**

Soli Deo Gloria

Glory to God Alone

Zschech, Smith & Wong

Soloist

We come before your throne to worship and adore.
Worthy is the Lamb, amen.

Soli Deo Gloria. All glory to God alone. Oh, Gloria.

Robed in majesty, our servant and our King.

Behold the Great I Am, Amen. *Refrain*

Please join in singing the Refrain.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

So - li De - o Glo - ri - a. All

glo - ry__ to God a - lone. So - li De - o Glor - ri - a. All

glo - ry__ to God a - lone. Oh, Glo - ri - a.

Soloist

The hope of every heart, Love, is here with us;
Desire of the nations, Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The children follow the cross to Children's Church.

Please be seated.

(Lector: Please wait for children to exit before starting The Reading)

The Reading

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Song PSB 185

Thy Word

V. 1 & Refrain

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still, You're there, right beside me.

Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.

Please, be with me, to the end. *Refrain*

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *Alex Cain*

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.

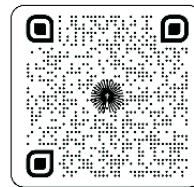
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated. The children return.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

This, I Pray
Common Ground

Brooke & Scott Ligertwood, and other

May your lifesong sing of God's amazing grace.
May your feet be firm and steady in this race.
When the world reflects your image through a mirrored facade,
May you always see your beauty through the perfect eyes of God. This, I pray.
This, I pray, that you'd have God's best. Be strong and blessed.
When your arms are empty, may your heart be full,
And, the mountains that you face, seem possible.
When the ground is dry, I pray that you'd have rain,
And when the music starts to vanish,
You would sing on through your pain.
This, I pray. This, I pray, that you'd have God's best.
Oh, be strong and blessed.
And when God's voice is silent, you'd hold tighter to His hand,
And trust He'll lead you safely on the journey He has planned.
And if threadbare faith holds stillborn dreams,
I pray the hurt would be redeemed.
To hold on tightly to the Savior, grow in truth, and never waver.
I pray your heart is warm when life can be so cold,
And when scoffers mock your journey, you'd be bold.
I pray for food on your table in times when it's lean,
And that you'd share your meal with others so God's goodness can be seen.
This, I pray. This, I pray, that you'd have God's best. Be strong and blessed.

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.**

Psalm 17 is sung as the children proceed to the altar area.

Keep me, keep me, as the apple of the eye.
Hide, me, hide me, in the shadow of your wings.

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 488 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I, ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PSB 165 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer, repeat once, that calls me from a world of care,
And bids me, at my Father's throne, make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, repeat once, thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him, whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, repeat once, may I thy consolation share,
'Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height, I view my home, and take my flight:
This robe of flesh, I'll drop, and rise to seize the everlasting prize.
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	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 665 *All My Hope on God Is Founded* Vs. 1, 3 & 5

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
Me, through change and chance, he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he, alone, calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore, from his store, newborn worlds rise, and adore.

Still, from earth, to God eternal, sacrifice of praise be done,
High, above all praises, praising for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye, who follow, shall not fall.

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 26

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Glen Bolger by Bill and Lindsay Austin.

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.

Youth Forum
10:15-11 | Youth House

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tai Chi Tuesdays
New Time! 9:30 – 10:30 am | Room 106

Caregivers Support Meeting
July 28 | 4:00-5:30pm | Room 209
Email caregivers@ccpvb.org for more info.

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. Contact Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org to find out more.

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, Friday, July 31, 5:00–7:00 PM in the 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.
Contact Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Savvy Job Hunters Virtual Workshop “Using AI in the Job Search”

August 21 | 10:30am – 12:00pm | Zoom

Email savvyjobs@ccpvb.org to register.

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.

Parent Info Meeting for Youth Confirmation

August 30 | 10:15-11:00 | Room 204

Contact Parker Corey at pcorey@ccpvb.org. Registration for confirmation is now available online!

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.