



CHRIST CHURCH

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

THE JORDAN SERVICES

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

• July 26, 2026 •

*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!*

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Prayer

**All 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.**

Praise

Verse 1

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus 1

Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Verse 2

I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control

Elevation Worship

'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down (*Pre-chorus*)

Chorus 2

Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

Chorus 3

Praise the Lord, oh my soul
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I won't be quiet
My God is alive
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At the 9:00 a.m. Service, children may follow the leader to Children's Church.

Please be seated.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Song

By Faith

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

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.**

Please be seated.

Sermon *The Reverend Amy Slater*

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

<i>Leader</i>	Let us pray to the Lord.
<i>The People respond</i>	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Leader</i>	In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
<i>Final response</i>	To thee, O Lord our God.

The Collect

Celebrant 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.**

Confession

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Throne Room

Kim Walker-Smith

Verse 1

Dream after dream
You are speaking to me
Breathing word after word
Of kingdom come
Here at Your feet
I can see the unseen
Truly, one look at You
And I'm undone
I run to the throne room
I run to the throne room

Chorus

And I fall on my face
With angels and saints
And all I can say is
Holy, holy, holy are You God
My heart can't contain
The weight of Your name
And all I can say is
Holy, holy, holy are You

Verse 2

Grace upon grace
All my fears fall away
Only Your perfect
Love for me remains
Time after time
You stay close by my side
Burning fire inside
I can't contain
I run to the throne room
I run to the throne room

Bridge

I run to the throne room
Before You, the only One
I run to the throne room
Before You, I'm overcome

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sanctus by Ian Bula

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
All Your glory fills the heavens and all the earth.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

You may sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,**
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please come forward for Communion.

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

Communion

Refrain

This is the body, this is the blood
Broken and poured out for all of us
And in this communion,
We share in His love
This is the body, this is the blood

Third Day

I will remember
Everything, Lord, that You've done for me
I won't take for granted
The sacrifice that set me free
I hunger and thirst for Your love
Come fill me today. *Refrain*

We hunger and thirst for Your love
And Your righteousness
We long for Your presence here, Lord
Be with us again. *Refrain*

Our God Saves

Paul Baloche

Verse

In the name of the Father
In the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit, Lord we come
We're gathered together
To lift up Your name
To call on our Savior,
To fall on Your grace

Pre-Chorus

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down
As Your people sing

We will rise with
You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Chorus

Our God saves, our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves, our God saves

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.**

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Dismissal

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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.



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
Sunday. Every Day.