

CHRIST CHURCH AMONG THE OAKS

**The Feast of Independence Day
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

July 5, 2026 9:00 a.m.

A second worship site for Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

NSIA Community Center, 120 Meadow Avenue in Vilano Beach

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Opening Hymn

O Love How Deep, How Broad



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Welcome Guests and Newcomers

Welcome to Christ Church Among the Oaks. This is a multi-denominational congregation, made up of friends, neighbors, people who are new to our area, and those seeking something a little different and a little more meaningful in their spiritual and worship life. We feel called to serve our local community and as you will hear today, we focus on six local outreach agencies that do the hard work that Jesus taught us. A short description of each Outreach Partner is in the back of this bulletin. We welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our church and our work in the community! We are incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra and thank their leadership for the freedom to be a unique, mission-focused worship community.

Servant Board: Mike Cleary, Linda Ducat, Steve Harrison, Claire Heusinger, Rick Lofgren, Stan Sundermeyer, and Jenny Weeks, warden.

Vicar: Fr. Keith Oglesby

Musician: Boril Ivanov

Vocalist: Claire Heusinger

We encourage our guests to fill out a welcome card today!

We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshipping with you often.

Prelude *Medley*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *O Love How Deep, How Broad*

Opening Sentences

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

People **And blessed be God's 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.

Song of Praise

B \flat Eb/B \flat B \flat F Gm/F F B \flat 2 B \flat

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

5 B \flat Eb B \flat /F Eb6/G Fsus F Gm7 F/A B \flat B \flat /D Eb

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

11 D7 C/E D7/F# Gm Gm/F Eb F7 Eb/G F7 Eb/F F7 B \flat sus B \flat

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; 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.

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-9

Lector ¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, *

People **and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

² Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

there is no end to his greatness.

⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another *

and shall declare your power.

⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *

and all your marvelous works.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *

and I will tell of your greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ The Lord is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:43-48

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Homily Fr. Keith Oglesby

Meditative Interlude

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for our ministry partners: St. Gerard Campus, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm, South Woods Elementary, Learn to Read, Pie in the Sky and Council on Aging.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them in all things they do.

That they may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayers for the Hurting World

All **God of peace and justice, we pray this day for all peoples around the world who are suffering from war, famine, floods, fires, and other devastations. We pray for those who fear tomorrow: that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power: that they may have wisdom and discernment to aid people in distress and be guided by compassion in their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children who are at risk and live in fear: that you would hold and protect them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

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Offertory

God Bless the USA

by Lee Greenwood

Refrain

And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend Her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt
I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A.

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

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.**

Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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 continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table. All are welcome.

Communion Music

America the Beautiful

Oh beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife
Who more than self, their country loved
And mercy more than life

America, America may God thy gold refine
'Til all success be nobleness
And every gain divined

Oh beautiful, for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain

But now wait a minute, I'm talking about
America, sweet America
You know, God done shed his grace on thee
He crowned thy good, yes he did, in brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

America, America, God shed his grace on thee
America, I love you America, you see
My God he done shed his grace on thee
And you oughta love him for it

'Cause he, he, he, he crowned thy good
He told me he would, with brotherhood
From sea to shining Sea
Oh Lord, oh Lord, I thank you Lord
Shining sea.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in Christ's name doing Christ's work in the world.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude *Medley*

Closing Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Announcements

Offerings Online

Forgot to bring cash or write a check??? We now have a QR code in the bulletin for safe, quick, and easy online giving. You will be automatically directed to the Christ Church giving page where you can enter your information one time and it will be saved for future giving.



Serving Opportunities

Learn to Read needs volunteer tutors to teach individuals to read, improve math skills, writing skills, prepare for the GED, and reach higher education and career goals. They also provide English for Speakers of Other Languages adult conversation classes and U.S. Citizenship exam preparation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact LTR at learntoreadstjohns.org or 904-826-0011.

Pie in the Sky quietly began in 2007 with two men named Jewel and Roosevelt, farmworkers in Hastings, Florida. Before meeting them, Malea Guriba had no idea what a farmworker's life looked like, nor understood the deep inequities happening right here in our own community. Meeting these two gentle souls changed everything. They opened my eyes and unknowingly set me on a path that would eventually lead to the founding of Pie in the Sky. Malea thought it was about food, and yes, food mattered. But over time, she realized it was always about something much bigger: the people behind the need. Now, Pie in the Sky has greatly expanded its reach and serves hundreds of residents each week. Jewel and our own Roosevelt helped plant the seed. And because of all of you, that seed has grown into something beautiful.

Here are some highlights from our recent Servant Board meeting.

- Congregational growth & community outreach were discussed. The Board will reconnect with folks we have not seen in a while, introduce them to Fr. Keith, invite them to return, and make certain they know they are not forgotten.
- Increase community visibility with a more intentional social media presence, Next Door posts highlighting mission & outreach work, participation in community events/festivals, explore opportunities at Flagler College, investigate advertising in local newsletters, and consider improving signage at A1A/Meadow Avenue. Permanent signage?
- Fr. Keith will explore community programs in conjunction with other Episcopal churches in our area and help us strengthen our ongoing Outreach Partner relationships by personally visiting each agency

Our Outreach Partners

*So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.
James 2:17*

Learn to Read

Improving literacy for over 200 individuals each year at no cost to the student. Improved reading skills lead to better paying jobs, higher levels of education, healthier lifestyles, and a better overall community.

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St. Gerard Campus

A non-profit maternity home and Christian high school for pregnant teenagers, promoting empowerment through education and strong Christian values.

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St. Francis Housing Crisis Center / Port in the Storm

Engaging those experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, and supportive connections.

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Council on Aging

Provides the opportunity for every person in St. Johns County to enjoy wellness, longevity and quality of life choices within a strong, healthy community.

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Pie in the Sky Community Alliance of St. John County

Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

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South Woods Elementary

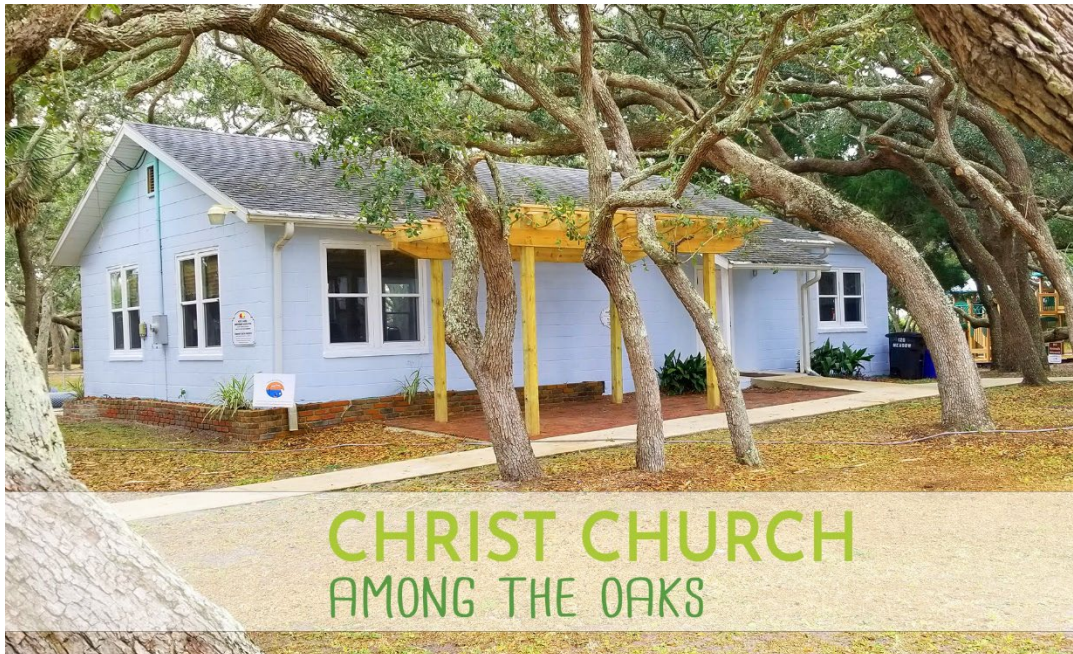
Creating a secure community that will instill in all students a desire for academic excellence, fostering the development of caring, productive citizens.

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The Lessons Appointed for next Sunday
July 12, 2026
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)



- [Isaiah 55:10-13](#)
- [Psalm 65: \(1-8\), 9-14](#)
- [Romans 8:1-11](#)
- [Matthew 13:1-9,18-23](#)



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