



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

• August 16, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. • Church •

Sunday KICKOFF SERIES

Aug 16

Formation & Spirituality

Aug 23

Pastoral Care

Aug 30

Outreach

Come & Learn

**10:15 - 11:00 AM
WESTBURY HALL**



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RESUME AUG 26!

PARENT INFO SESSION AUG 19!

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ALPHA FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS



Every Friday, September 4–
October 23 | 6:30–8:00 p.m. |
Dining Room

Alpha is a welcoming and engaging course for anyone curious about life's big questions—purpose, meaning, and faith—regardless of their religious background. It began at Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Church in London in 1977 and has since grown into a worldwide ministry, translated into more than 100 languages and experienced by millions of people.

For our Spanish congregation, Alpha is an opportunity to welcome new people, strengthen relationships, and create space for our ministry to grow. Each evening includes a **free dinner**, a short presentation on faith, and small-group conversation in a warm and welcoming environment. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, or family members who speak Spanish or who may be searching for a place to explore faith.

Please join us in praying for this initiative—for our leaders and volunteers, for every guest who will be invited, and for the Holy Spirit to guide each gathering. Also, prayerfully consider whom God may be calling you to invite. Alpha invitation cards are available at the church front desk.

Thank you for your prayers and support. If you have any questions about Alpha, please contact Fr. Andreis at adiaz@ccpvb.org or speak with one of the leaders of our Spanish congregation.

*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

Silence for Prayer

This contemplative service is preceded by a period of silence at 4:50 p.m.

Prelude

Intrumental music

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Sentences

Leader When the world tells us we are what we do with our activity,
acumen, or achievement, let us learn

People **We are what we do with our silence.**

When the world tells us we are what we do with our spending power, selling
power, or our power of speech, let us learn

We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us to drown the silent sufferings of others with
indifference or noise, or to forget the art of stillness even in the storm,
let us learn

We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us to rush in where angels fear to tread,
let us learn that angels listen first
before they take a step for the voice of God in the silence.

First Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms E. Hoffman & A. J. Showalter

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We seek the grace of healing, O God. At the heart of the brokenness around us and in the hidden depths of our own souls we seek your touch of healing, O God, for there you reside. In the hidden depths of life, O God, there you reside. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

15:10-28

People Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

The Reverend Andreis Diaz

A reflection is essentially based on a personal experience and is a great way to share what God is doing in our lives. When we listen to what God is doing in our brothers' and sisters' lives, we are likely to grow in greater awareness of how God works in our own lives.

One minute of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

You may stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

People Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.
That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Candlelighting

We continue our prayers through the lighting of the votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others. During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Candles are located at the front of the main aisle to the left and right.

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant Jesus says: My Peace I give to you. Do not be afraid. I call you my friend.
Abide in my love. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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Thank you for your support.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Lord I Need You

Matt Maher

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

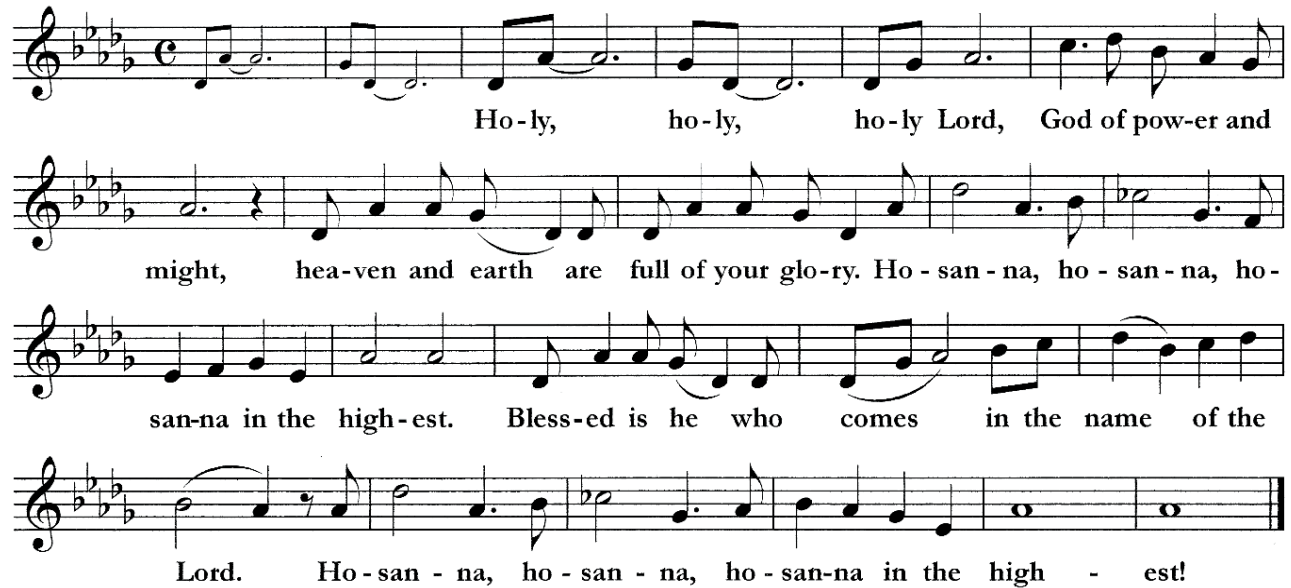
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So, too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All together

Christ has died.

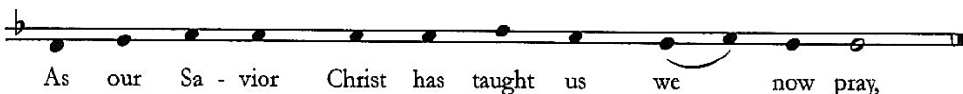
Christ is risen.

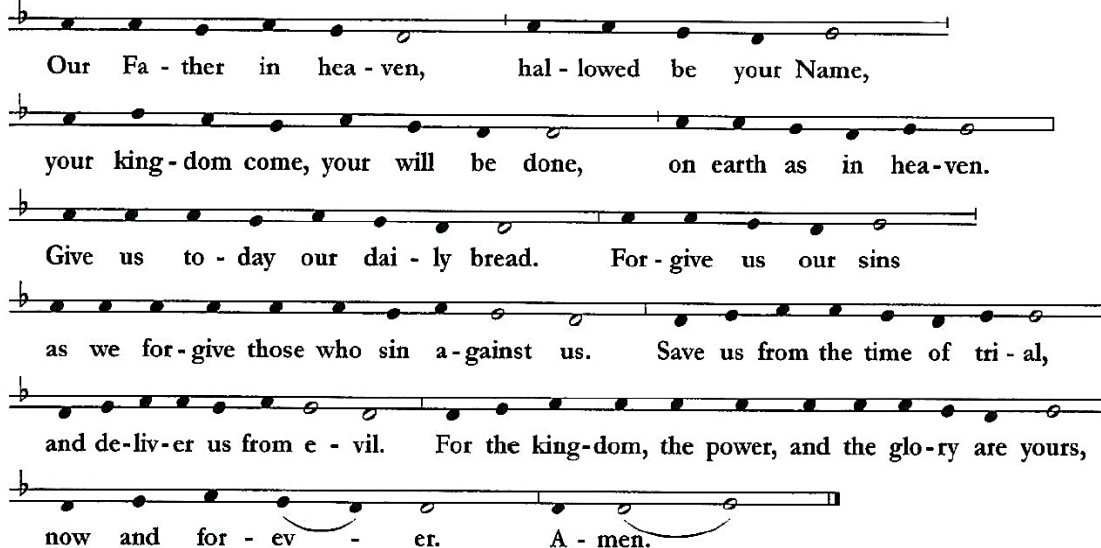
Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor 

All 

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem-er of the world, do-na no - bis

pa - cem, do-na no-bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Celebrant continues

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

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.

Communion Music

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You, who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: Fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision: God of love. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other,
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness: Be our guide. *Refrain*

You, who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: Fill each heart. *Refrain*

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Robert Cull

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach our and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive You,
Open our spirits, and teach us to worship.
Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise You,
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

After Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Loving God, we give you thanks that in the sacrament of Christ's
Body and Blood, you awaken us to your indwelling Presence and our
true life. Help us to recognize and honor your Presence in one
another, to treat each other with reverence and humility, and to
become, more and more, the people we already are in you. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The love of the Lord Jesus draws you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthens you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fills your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation

Please stand.

Dismissal

Leader Go with joy: may you be surprised by angels and join in their laughter.
Go with empty hands: may you receive the generosity of others
and the blessings of God.
Go with full hearts: may you find opportunities to share all you have been given.
Go in peace.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Music directed by Ian Bula

TODAY, Sunday August 16

Formation and Spirituality Sunday

Aug 16 | 10:15 - 11:00 am | Westbury Hall

Youth Acolyte Training

**Today! 10:15 in the Hospitality Lobby +
Lunch Party for all acolytes at 1:00**

Looking for youth in 6th – 12th grades to serve as acolytes. We will offer training on August 23 as well. Email Mel Johnson at melissa.kurz.johnson@gmail.com for more information.

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

Children's Formation | 10:15-11:00 am | F&A Building

Youth Forum

10:15-11 | Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Coffee or Lunch with Father Tom?

Father Tom enjoys getting to know parishioners and would be happy to meet with you over coffee, lunch or any time that is convenient. If you are interested in scheduling a meeting with him, please email his assistant

Elizabeth at ebruington@ccpvb.org. She will be happy to help arrange a convenient date and time.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Registration for youth confirmation class is now open; contact Parker Corey at pcorey@ccpvb.org for more details!

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. Classes will begin in late September and will take place on select Sundays throughout the year, ending with an overnight retreat. Any student interested in joining the Confirmation process should register online by 5PM on September 1st, 2026. **A Parent Info Meeting for Youth Confirmation will be held on August 30.**

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

Join a Choir! 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

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

Calling all 3rd graders! We will be presenting **Bibles to our 3rd grade students** on September 20 during the 9am Traditional service. Register your child online at ccpvb.org

Registration for **Cursillo fall weekends** ends tomorrow, August 17! Email Ron Kessner at Cursilloccpvb@gmail.com or via text at 904-866-0096.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Childrens' Choirs

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

Preschool Art Together, Friday, August 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Join us for a fun morning of hands-on art as preschoolers (ages 2–4) and their caregivers create, explore, and enjoy time together. **Cost: \$7 per child.** Register online.

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

Aug 21 @ 7:00 PM - 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pastoral Care Sunday

August 23 | 10:15-11:00 am | Westbury Hall

Holy Communion Class (100)

August 23 | 10:15-11:00 am | Room 204

In the Episcopal tradition, all baptized persons are invited to receive communion, including children. Parents, in conversation with their child, determine the best time for their child to receive. The Holy Communion class is designed for parents and children to learn about the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist. During the class, everyone will receive instruction on how to receive the communion bread and wine as they learn about the traditions of our Episcopal worship.

Community of Hope International (COHI) Lunch & Learn

August 23 | 12:15-1:00p | Dining Hall

Community of Hope is a 9 week course to help you learn and grow in relation to God, others and self. In this training you'll learn many skills including developing a balanced rule of life, listening skills, healthy boundaries and compassionate service. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 6-7:30p starting

Sept. 16th. Contact Deacon Leila with questions at Leila@ccpvb.org

Outreach Sunday

August 30 | 10:15-11:00 am | Westbury Hall

Joyful Friends Luncheon

Featuring Maggie FitzRoy on Writing Process and Historical Fiction

September 22 | 11:30 am – 1:00pm | Westbury Hall

RSVP online or at the front office by September 14

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

Gretna Zerebny, Sr. Warden	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Kathy Blackman, Jr. Warden
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Katharine Loeb	Doug Long	Justin Udelhofen
Wendy Waller	Sarah Wefer	Trey Wilson

Staff Clergy

The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector
The Rev. Amy Slater, Vice Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea
The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks

Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

Adjunct Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Michael Ellis The Rev. Louanne Loch
The Rev. Eric Kahl The Rev. Bob Morris
The Rev. Burt Shepherd The Rev. Rich Roos
The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus

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Alex Cain, Curate
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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.