



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

• August 30, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. • Chapel

*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

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 26:1-3, 8)

Celebrant I have trusted in the Lord*

People and have not faltered.

Celebrant Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *

All I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

**For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.**

**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

Celebrant I have trusted in the Lord*

People and have not faltered.

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

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.

The Reading

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:21-28

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Michael Ellis*

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*

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

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 B Page 367, *The Book of Common 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 usher will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.

You may kneel or sit.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Please stand.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

TODAY, Sunday August 30

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Smith Haynes and Christopher Hadley Smith by the Smith & Bauer Families.

The Best Breakfast in Ponte Vedra Beach is on us! If you are a newcomer, you're invited to a special welcome breakfast in the parish hall. There will be a table reserved for newcomers, with parishioners there to share more about Christ Church and enjoy fellowship. Before or after service on Sunday morning, please introduce yourself to a greeter or usher, or simply head to the parish hall. We look forward to meeting you!

Outreach Sunday

Aug 30 | 10:15 - 11:00 am | Westbury Hall
Come and learn about how to get involved this fall at our Sunday Kickoff Series! Representatives from our outreach partners will share information and how to get involved.

Parent Info Meeting for Youth Confirmation

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

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

Children's Formation | 10:15-11:00 am | Rooms 121 and 124

Youth Forum

10:15-11 | Youth House | Yum...Donuts!
All middle and high schoolers are invited to join youth staff and adult volunteers for conversation on the Sunday readings and to learn more about scripture, and the ways that God is active in our world today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Coffee 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. To schedule a meeting with him, please email his assistant Elizabeth at ebroughton@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. Classes will begin in late September. **Please register online by 5PM on September 1.**

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 6-7pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15

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

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

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Join us in the youth house on Wednesday nights for fellowship, formation, fun, and to study scripture!

Low Tide | 4:30PM-6PM | 6th-8th

Dinner 6PM-7PM

High Tide | 7PM-8:30PM | 9th-12th

ALPHA for Spanish Speakers

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

Alpha is an opportunity to welcome new people, strengthen relationships, and create space for our ministry to grow for the Spanish Congregation. 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. Alpha invitation cards are available at the church front desk.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Clergy Bible Study - Isaiah

Wednesdays, beginning September 9 | 10:00 am | Westbury Hall

Wednesday Night Dinners and Kids' Social Club Resume! - September 9

Women in the Word

First gathering is Wednesday, Sept 9 at 7:00 to meet and greet, and purchase study guides. Otherwise, meets on Wednesday evenings from -8:30pm in the upstairs conference room.

Fall Study: Live Free: A Study of Galatians written and guided by Elizabeth Woodson

Please contact Mary Ann Reynolds at mahrey51@aol.com to reserve a Study Guide.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

September 12 | Contact Doug Knowles at d.Lan.knowles@gmail.com

Community of Hope International (COHI)

Starts 9/16 | 6:00-7:30p

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

Christ Centered Advance Care Planning –
September 17

Joyful Friends Luncheon

Featuring Maggie FitzRoy on Writing Process and Historical Fiction

Sept 22 | 11:30 am – 1:00pm| Westbury Hall
RSVP online or at the front office by
September 14

TRUE Hosts Screening of Mighty Times: The Children's March

September 22 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Transforming Racial Understanding and Engagement (TRUE) invites all to attend a screening of the film. There will be a discussion afterwards. *Mighty Times: The Children's March* is an Oscar-winning documentary about Birmingham, Alabama civil rights marches in the 1960s highlighting the bravery of young activists involved in the 1963 Children's Crusade. While the event is free, registration online at ccpvb.org is essential.

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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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

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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
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The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
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In Formation

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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.