



CHRIST CHURCH

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

THE JORDAN SERVICES

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

• August 30, 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.**

Only King Forever

Verse 1

Our God and firm foundation
Our Rock, the only solid ground
The nations rise and fall
Kingdoms once strong now shaken
We trust forever in Your name
The name of Jesus
We trust in the name of Jesus

Chorus

You are the only King forever
Almighty God, we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore You are victorious
(REPEAT)

Elevation Worship

Verse 2

Unmatched in all Your wisdom
In love and justice You will reign
And every knee will bow
We bring our expectations
Our hope is anchored in Your name
The name of Jesus
Oh, we trust the name of Jesus
(Chorus)

Bridge

We lift our banner high
We lift the name of Jesus
From age to age You reign
Your kingdom has no end
(REPEAT) (Chorus)

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

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Song

Spirit Lead Me

Verse 1

This is my worship, this is my offering
In every moment I withhold nothing
I'm learning to trust You
Even when I can't see it
And even in suffering I have to believe it
And even in suffering I have to believe it

Influence Music

Chorus

If You say it's wrong then I'll say no
If You say release I'm letting go
If You're in it with me I'll begin
And when You say to jump I'm diving in
If You say be still then I will wait
If You say to trust I will obey
I don't wanna follow my own way
I'm done chasing feelings, Spirit lead me

The Gospel

Gospeler 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."

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

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.

The People respond **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and
one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Final response **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Collect

Celebrant 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.**

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.**

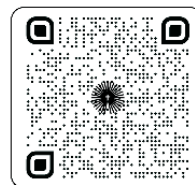
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Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Follow You Anywhere

Kristian Stanfill

Verse 1

You make it easy to love You
You are good and You are kind
You bring joy into my life
You make it easy to trust You
You have never left my side
You've been faithful ev'ry time

Pre-Chorus

All I want is You Jesus
All I want is You

Chorus

You are the refuge I run to
You are the fire that leads me
Through the night
I'll follow You anywhere
There's a million reasons to trust You
Nothing to fear for You are by my side
I'll follow You anywhere

Verse 2

O Jesus, You came to my rescue
Took my place upon that cross
You redeemed what I had lost
Now my whole world revolving around You
You're the center of my life
You're the treasure, You're the prize

(Pre-Chorus + Chorus)

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 B

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.

Interlude

Follow You anywhere oh
I'll follow You anywhere oh

Bridge

Wherever You lead me
Whatever it costs me
All I want is You
Jesus all I want is You
REPEAT (Chorus)

Ending

Follow You anywhere

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sanctus (composed 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.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

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

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Passion

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You, my King
Would die for me?
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Bridge

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

Stand in Your Love

Josh Baldwin

Verse

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
(REPEAT)

Bridge

There's power that can
Break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name,
Power in Your name

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 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

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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

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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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CHURCH**
Sunday. Every Day.