



CHRIST CHURCH

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

• August 9, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. • Church •

Welcome to Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach!
We are delighted to have you worship with us, either in person or online.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!

**We invite you to pray for the Baptism of Sloane Danielle Baso,
Reagan Claire Marsteller, Charlie Mueller, and Ellie Mueller.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please join us in singing.

Prelude

PSB 194 *We Will Glorify*

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb,
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live; He is Lord, above the universe,
All praise to Him, we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Let All That Is Within Me Cry, "Holy!" from Modern Moveable Feast

Let all that is within me cry "Holy!
Holy! Holy! Holy is the Lamb that was slain."

Let all that is within me cry "Blessed!
Blessed! Blessed! Blessed is the Lamb that was slain."

Let all that is within me cry "Worthy!
Worthy! Worthy! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

PSB 51 *Give Thanks*

Refrain Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us;
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us; *Refrain*

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 410 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Welcome Words

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

S 236, The Hymnal

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The children follow the cross to Children's Church.

Please be seated.

(Lector: Please wait for children to exit before starting The Reading)

The Reading

Lector

A reading from the first Book of Kings

19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Song PSB 11

Be Not Afraid

Vs. 1 & 2

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God, and live.

Refrain Be not afraid, I go before you, always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell, and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 14:22-33

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Response **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** *(Sing twice)*

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Laura Magevney*

Please stand.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows Page 292, *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*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated. The children return.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Our God* Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman and others
Common Ground

Water, You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness, You shine, out of the ashes, we rise;
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God.

Into the darkness, You shine, out of the ashes, we rise;
There's no one like You, none like You.

Refrain Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
 God, You are higher than any other.
 Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against? *Refrain.*

Water, You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like You, none like You.

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.**

Psalm 17 is sung as the children proceed to the altar area.

Keep me, keep me, as the apple of the eye.
Hide, me, hide me, in the shadow of your wings.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 129, *The Hymnal*

You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic 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 ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.*

Communion Music

PSB 187 *Trust and Obey*

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil, He doth richly repay; not a grief, nor a loss,
Not a frown, nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

But, we never can prove the delights of His love,
Until all on the altar, we lay; for the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

When, in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side, in the way; what He says we will do,
Where He sends, we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

PSB 170 *First Song of Isaiah*

Refrain Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold, and my sure defense,
And He will be my Savior.

Therefore, you shall draw water, with rejoicing,
From the springs of salvation. And on that day, you shall say,
“Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His name.” *Refrain*

Make His deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that His name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
And this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

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.**

You may kneel or sit.

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

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn 398 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Organ Voluntary*

TODAY, Sunday August 9

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 9 | All 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.

Youth Acolyte Training

Today! 10:15 in the Hospitality Lobby

Looking for youth in 6th – 12th grades to serve as acolytes. Can't make it today? We will offer trainings on August 16 and 23 as well. Email Mel Johnson at melissa.kurz.johnson@gmail.com for more information. All acolytes – join us for a lunch party next Sunday, Aug 16 at 1:00.

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.

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

Youth Forum

10:15-11 | Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Confirmation

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

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Children's Sunday Formation begins next 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.

Formation and Spirituality Sunday

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

Come and learn about how to get involved this fall at our Sunday Kickoff Series! This Sunday, representatives from bible studies, groups, and courses available through the Center for Spirituality will be in the Dining Room to share information and how to get involved.

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

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.

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

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.



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Sunday. Every Day.