



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

• September 20, 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 145:1-4, 8)

Celebrant The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
People slow to anger and of great kindness.

Celebrant I will exalt you, O God my King, *
All and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

Celebrant The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
People slow to anger and of great kindness.

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 the Prophet Jonah

3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *Alex Cain*

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI Page 392, *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 A Page 361, *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!**



If you're behind on your pledge, we invite you to **catch up today**. Every bit helps us keep our ministries thriving.

YTD Actual Revenue at August 31, 2026 \$2,733,320

YTD Budgeted Revenue at August 31, 2026 \$2,976,577

Shortfall \$ 243,257

TODAY, Sunday September 20

The Best Breakfast in Ponte Vedra Beach is on us! Newcomers are 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.

Breakfast: 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Introduction to Hispanic Theology: From the Spanish Golden Age to the U.S. Latino Experience | Sept 20 10:15-11am | Room 106

What makes Hispanic theology unique? More than a field of study, it is a way of understanding God's work through the history, culture, struggles, and hopes of Hispanic peoples. In a continuation of the first session, we will trace its journey from the Spanish Golden Age to the Latino experience in the United States, discovering how faith, migration, and cultural identity have shaped a distinctive vision of the Gospel and continue to enrich the life of the Church.

Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15-11:00am | Room 209

This multi-generational gathering is a place for Holy Conversation, inspiration and joyful discovery while studying the whole Bible.

Contact: gabe@bovecompany.com

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

Meet in the Formation and Arts Building!

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

Are you a Member? Are you interested in becoming a Member? There are two opportunities this fall to connect and learn more about Christ Church.

Thursday Oct 8 – 2026 - Dinner
6:00pm -8:00 pm in Room 106
Sunday Nov. 8 - 2026 - Lunch
12:30-2:30 in room 106

Come to the orientation that fits into your schedule. After the orientation there will be a celebration at Father Tom's home! We look forward to getting to know you.



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!

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

Cursillo

We are so incredibly blessed that Christ Church will be represented at the upcoming Cursillo Weekends! It is a joy to announce the pilgrims (parishioners) who will be attending

the Men's Weekend at Camp Weed: Ian Bula, Roger Goldman, Sirlistier Smiley, Stan Wood. And joining the Women's Weekend, we are delighted to have: Linnea Howe, Linda Wilson, Biron Wood, Cristina Zapata. Please keep all of these pilgrims in your prayers, that they may deeply experience the love of God and experience Christ more fully in their daily lives.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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.

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 and discussion. *Mighty Times* 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.

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

Wednesday Night Dinner and Kids' Social Club

This week's cuisine – Asian! Kids' Social Club starts at 6:00; Check in with Amy in Rooms 111-113.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

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

Dinner 6PM-7PM

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

Spiritual Writing Circle

Thursdays, Sept 24-Nov 12 | 6:30-8pm

You'll be given helpful writing prompts to get started - use this dedicated time to either begin or continue your writing journey in a friendly, supportive group. For more information, contact Alicia Bakewell at abakewell25@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grace and Gardens: Lessons from the Christ Church Pilgrimage | Sept 27 10:15-11:00am | Room 106

Join Fr. Tom and Mtr. Amy as they share stories from their recent pilgrimage that celebrated the great legacy of Anglican theology and Christian practice.

Walking the Mourners Path Class Series

Thursdays, Oct 1 - Nov 19

Contact: Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org or sign up online.

Are you dealing with grief and loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or close friend? Please consider joining us for this 8 week class

in a small, supportive and confidential setting. The workbook we use was developed by the Episcopal clergy and is Christ-centered, though the class is open to parishioners and community members alike. There is a 60.00 fee for materials. It is recommended that you wait about 6 months after the death before joining the group. There will be a winter and spring class which follows this fall class.

Christ Church Creative Academy presents Finding Nemo, Jr. Oct 1-4. Get your tickets here!



I will, with God's Help: Living into the Baptismal Life (100)

Sundays, Oct 4-25 | 10:15-11am | Room 106

Baptism is at the heart of the Christian faith and the Baptismal Covenant, which we say at baptisms, confirmations, and re-affirmations, outlines the Christian life. This clergy-led class for all adults will explore the way our baptism calls us into spiritual practices that help us grow into the likeness of Christ as we deepen our relationship with Jesus, ourselves, and one another.

Contact: Mtr. Laura Magevney at Lmagevney@ccpvb.org

Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible: How Archaeology & Historical Texts Can Help Us Interpret the Bible

Sundays, Oct 4 – Nov 8 | 10:15-11:00 | Room 224 (Spring Dates: Feb 7 - Mar 14)

This class explores what ancient historical records and archaeological finds can tell us about ancient Israel, the people who lived

there, and their understanding of God. By combining our understanding of archaeology, history, and the similarities & differences in the various versions of the Biblical stories, we will be better equipped to understand and interpret our ancient and sacred scripture. Contact: scottburch@yahoo.com

October 7 – Blessing of the Pets

**October 8 – Rachel and Friends present
SOUL SOAKING SONGS: Lullabies from
Evening Prayers**

7:00 pm | Choir Room

Cost: \$10 at the door.

Music and lyrics combine to create an effective way to meditate and to saturate one's soul with soothing songs of truth and encouragement: melodies and sung truths that gently anchor one's soul with peace.

October 21 – Trunk-or-Treat

Contact Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org to host a candy car and help make this event memorable for all of our children!

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.*

A Simple Act of Hospitality: Please Wear Your Name Tag

We kindly encourage all parishioners to wear their name tags when attending service, events, and ministry gatherings. Thank you for helping make our parish a place of welcome, fellowship, and belonging.

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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	Contemporary 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	Contemporary Service
12:45 p.m.	Parish Center, 2 nd floor	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. 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
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The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

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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.



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
Sunday. Every Day.