



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

• October 11, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. • Church •

They Did. We Will. With God's Help.

A child walks through the doors of Christ Church. What happens next can shape a lifetime.

They may first discover Jesus in Sunday School. Sing God's praises in a children's choir. Experience the joy of Vacation Bible School alongside more than 200 other children. Find belonging at Low Tide or High Tide. Ask hard questions in Youth Forum. Step forward in faith at Confirmation. Serve someone in need. Go on a retreat or mission trip—and begin to see that God has a purpose for their life.

Your pledge helps make every one of those moments possible.

Through the generosity of this parish, our clergy, staff, and hundreds of volunteers create a sanctuary where young people are known, loved, encouraged, and given a safe place to experience the love of Christ.

For 75 years, Christ Church has been building that foundation of faith. Generations before us gave so that children they would never know could grow up knowing Jesus, loving others, serving their communities, and becoming all God intended them to be.

They did. Now it is our turn.

When you pledge, you are not simply supporting programs. **You are investing in a child's faith, a young person's future, and the next generation of Christ's Church.**

They Did. We Will. With God's Help.

Make your pledge. **Be part of their journey** - and help give the next generation the same gift of faith that was given to us.

They did. Will you?

Thank you to those who have already turned in their pledge!!

With gratitude and love for all that we share!

Fr. Tom

Mike



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“Faithful Then. Faithful Now.”



This year marks 75 years of Christ Church. To help celebrate our history we want to share these pictures with you, and pray that you will continue to be a part of our story for years to come. It is through the generous giving of those who came before that we are still able to do so much good in the community years later. We invite you to be a part of this wonderful legacy of Christ’s love by pledging this year.

Pictures left to right: 1972 Youth Sunday Service, 2021 VBS, 2005 Children’s Choir, 1976 Youth Choir Easter Procession, 2026 Hometown Mission Week, 2012 Youth Mission Trip to Amistad



*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 Grant, O Lord, that through our worship this day
We may be awakened to the wonder of your love for us;
That familiar words may shine with new meaning
And that the habit of worship
May be cleansed of all stale formality and mere ceremonial observance.

Awaken us to your love, O Lord.

People **Open our eyes and renew our hearts.**

Leader Open our eyes to see your loveliness
And make our hearts to burn within us
As You speak your word to us in this hour,
So that in wondering awe we may know ourselves forgiven,
And energized with new life.

Awaken us to your love, O Lord.

People **Open our eyes and renew our hearts.**

Leader Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Hymn

The King of Love

H. W. Baker & J. B. Dykes

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lift up our minds, O Lord, to the pure, bright, serene atmosphere of your presence, that we may breathe freely, and rest there in your love. From there, surrounded by your peace, may we return to do or to bear whatever shall best please you, O blessed Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

Chris King

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 Let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church of God, and the proclamation of the Gospel to all nations.
For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Randy, our bishop-elect, and for all bishops and other ministers, that we may be strengthened in our faith and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those serving our nation, for Ron, our Governor, Donald, our President, and all those in positions of power, that we may use our liberty and resources in accordance with your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the world, the work of your hands, so that everyone can live with justice and peace. We especially remember those suffering from war, hunger, displacement, violence, and insecurity; and we pray for our mission partners in Bolivia, Cuba, and Uganda. Strengthen their ministries and deepen the bonds that unite us in your service. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For our parish family, with gratitude for the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, that we may be faithful witnesses of your love in our own generation, serving you joyfully with all we are and all we have.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For our local community, for our schools, and for our neighbors. Guide us in the work we do, that we may not do it for self alone, and remind us that you have linked our lives with one another—that all we do affects, for good or ill, all others' lives. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who have requested our prayers. God of all comfort, we present to you and all for whom our prayers are desired,

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

that your healing grace and comfort be upon them. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who have died,

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. And for those who mourn, that they may find comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breathe fresh life into us, and
make us instruments of peace, justice, and compassion. **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.

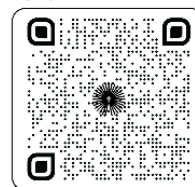
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Word of God Speak

B. Millard & P. Kipley

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

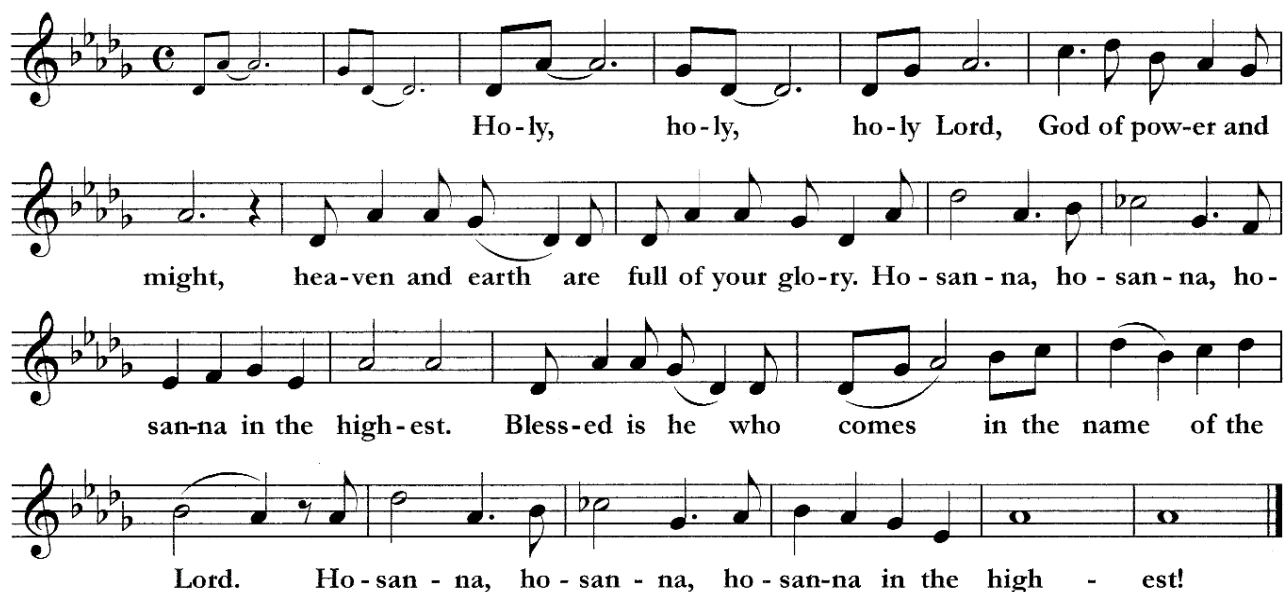
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

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

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**All Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day,
from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.**

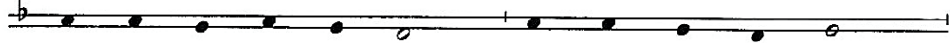
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

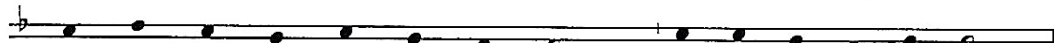


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

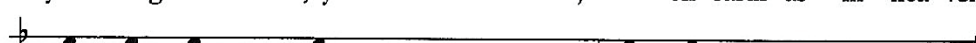
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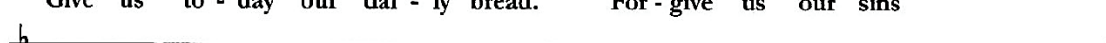
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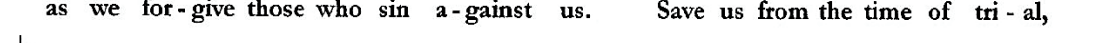
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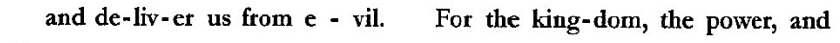
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al,



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

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*Bind Us Together*

Bob Gillman

Refrain Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing. *Refrain*
You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *Here I Am, Lord*

Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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 God keep you in the fellowship of his saints.
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels.
The Spirit make you holy in God's service;
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 May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go.
May God, who is with you when you sit and when you stand,
encompass you with love and lead you by the hand.
May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest,
be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way that is everlasting.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Music directed by Ian Bula



TODAY, Sunday October 11

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Stephanie Porter and Brad McBride.

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.

Amistad Executive Director Chris King will join us from 10:15-11 to talk about reflections and updates from this transformative Bolivian children's ministry.

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

Sundays, Oct 4 – Nov 8 | 10:15-11 | Rm. 106

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

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

Christ as we deepen our relationship with Jesus, ourselves, and one another.

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

10:15-11:00 | Room 224

Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15-11:00am | Room 209

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join a Choir! Contact Dr. Rachel Root at rroot@ccpvb.org

Childrens' Choirs | Wednesdays

Contact: Stephanie Murray at SMurray@ccpvb.org, Worship and Family Music Director

Are you a Member? Are you interested in becoming a Member? Join us for lunch on Sunday, November 8 to connect and learn more about Christ Church.

After the orientation there will be a celebration at Father Tom's home! We look forward to getting to know you. Scan here to register.



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

The Christ Church campus and office will be closed on Monday, October 12.

Christ Church Hikers Group

10a-12n on 1st Friday & 3rd Monday

Next Hike: 10/12 - Alpine Grove Park

Please email Bob Campbell at

Bobcampbell777@gmail.com to RSVP and for the exact meeting point of each hike.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Pie Night! | 5:45-7:00pm

Kids' Social Club - 6:00p in Rooms 111-113

Epicopal Youth Community (EYC)

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

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

Guided Forest Walk with Dr. Trey Wilson

October 17 at 10:00 am -12:00 noon

Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens

Join us for a morning of reflection and renewal led by forest therapy guide, Dr. Trey Wilson. This event is suitable for all levels of walkers. Register online or by emailing trey@treygardens.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 21 – Trunk-or-Treat

5:30-7:00pm | Surface Parking Lots

Interested in hosting a Candy Car?

Sign up here or email Amy at

aschmitt@ccpvb.org



Young Adults Group

Oct 25-Dec 20 | 10:15-11am | Room 202

We're excited to announce our new Sunday offering for young adults (20s & 30s)! Join us as we come together to discuss what it looks like to follow Jesus.

Contact: Alex Cain at acain@ccpvb.org

Caregiver Support Group

October 27 | 4:00-5:30pm | F209

Contact: caregivers@ccpvb.org

All Souls' Service

November 4 | 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

This service is to honor and remember those who have passed away. We do so with inspiring music, provided by the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists from our community, by lighting candles for those who have passed, and by partaking of the Communion of Saints together.

November 5 - Young Adult Social

All young adults (20s & 30s) are invited as we gather for an evening of fun and festivities!

Details to follow.

Contact: Alex Cain at acain@ccpvb.org

Miss Felicia's 31st Annual

Nutcracker Ballet – December

12. Tickets are available now!



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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

Gretna Zerebny, Sr. Warden	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Kathy Blackman, Jr. Warden
Maggie Bowers	Chris Brownlee	Gordon Deen
		Travers Landreth
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.



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
Sunday. Every Day.